

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What is an essential summer food?



“Good barbecue sandwich, that’s what St. Louis is known for. Like a good pulled pork.”

Trent Boyer, St. Louis



“Lemon cucumbers, that’s been my actual summer essential.”

Brooke Willoughby, Astoria



“This year has been hot dogs and watermelon because I have a son from Saudi Arabia and he doesn’t get that over there. It’s been great.”

Carolyn Olson, Astoria

Cannon Beach opposed to county lodging tax hike

City wants county to reconsider

By BRENNIA VISSER
The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — City councilors voiced their opposition Tuesday to a Clatsop County lodging tax increase to help pay for jail operations, primarily taking issue with the lack of communication the county had with the city before the vote.

Monica Steele, the county’s budget and finance director, gave a presentation to the City Council about the new tax, which will impact lodging operators starting in January.

The county tax comes in anticipation of a \$20 million bond measure in November to move the Clatsop County Jail from Astoria to the former North Coast Youth Correctional Facility in Warrenton. Annual jail operating costs — \$3.4 million this year — are estimated to rise by more than \$1.2 million if the jail is relocated.

But city councilors took issue with the fact the county did not approach the city or local lodging operators about the tax increase.

“They should have been talking to us and hotel manage-

ment before this,” Mayor Sam Steidel said.

Cannon Beach joins dissenters in the lodging industry who have also been critical about not being included in discussions before the tax hike. Lodging operators also have argued the tax would dampen revenue and unfairly targets a single industry.

Proponents believe the 1 percent increase is relatively minimal and would mostly impact visitors from outside the county, who Sheriff Tom Bergin claims make up 27 percent of the inmate population.

City Councilor George Vetter said adding a county tax is another “bureaucratic burden” to hotels and rental companies, which already have to report separate taxes on the city and state level.

Others, like City Councilor Mike Benefield, took issue with the county handing the city restricted tourism promotion dollars it may not necessarily want.

By state law, only 30 percent of the new tax — about \$420,000 of the \$1.4 million estimated to be brought in annually — can be used for jail operations. The other 70 percent must be used for tourism promotion.

The tourism promotion portion of the revenue collected from businesses within city limits will be returned to

cities to use how they see fit, Steele said. The new tax will raise the Cannon Beach lodging tax from 8 to 9 percent and is estimated to raise \$380,000 in revenue a quarter for the city.

“I don’t want more promotion. I don’t want more advertising. You can take back (to the county commission) at least one councilor is not at all happy about this,” Benefield told Steele.

If the tax has to stay, Benefield suggested the county work with the state to broaden the definition of a tourism-related facility in state law so the money could support a variety of city functions.

“Have the county support that notion ... then I wouldn’t be quite as opposed to you throwing money at us and telling us how to spend it,” he said.

Councilors did discuss a possible appeal of the county’s decision, but was advised against it by City Attorney Ashley Driscoll, who said appealing a tax the county has the right to implement would be “an uphill legal battle.”

Instead, the City Council agreed to send a letter to the county outlining concerns with the tax hike, including a request to repeal it regardless of whether the bond passes.

“We’re not appreciative of the way the (county) went about this,” Steidel said.

Vancouver resolution supports I-5 bridge replacement

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, Wash. — The Vancouver City Council has adopted a resolution in support of replacing the Interstate 5 bridge over the Columbia River.

The resolution asks Gov. Jay Inslee and the Washington Legislature to provide funding to advance the long-debated project.

Many people live in Vancouver and work in Portland. Traffic jams frustrate commuters and commercial drivers near the bridge that connects the cities, and a new one — perhaps with the addition of light

rail — is seen as at least a partial solution.

“The replacement of the bridge will be critical to the continued economic growth of the bistate region,” Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle said in a statement Tuesday.

The resolution comes five years after a project known as the Columbia River Crossing went nowhere after nearly \$190 million worth of planning. Oregon and Washington state were supposed to each contribute money for the new span, but Washington lawmakers balked in 2013.

Oregon tried to keep the

project alive without Washington’s help, but quickly dropped that idea.

McEnerny-Ogle urged neighboring cities and local ports to pass similar resolutions to show the governor and the Legislature that southwest Washington is united in its support for the bridge.

The Columbian newspaper reported the resolution passed unanimously Monday night with no discussion.

“Our community has asked for help, our businesses have asked for help,” the mayor said before making the motion to pass the resolution.

Astoria man arrested after car chase

By JACK HEFFERNAN
The Daily Astorian

An Astoria man allegedly led police on a miles-long car chase Tuesday.

Police attempted to stop a man driving an alleged stolen car at U.S. Highway 101 Business and Southeast Airport Lane just before 4:30 a.m. The driver then sped off.

At one point, police lost contact with the car and ended

the pursuit. Police eventually spotted the car crashed in a ditch near the 88300 block of Lewis and Clark Road, about 7 miles away from the original traffic stop. A few minutes later, they found Richard Frank Scott, 25, of Astoria, hiding in a pasture about 100 yards away.

Scott admitted to crashing the car as he was attempting to pull into a driveway, according to court records.

Scott said he was trying to elude police because he had criminal charges pending. He remains on probation for several charges stemming from 2016, including first-degree burglary and first-degree theft.

In connection with the incident Tuesday, Scott has been charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, attempting to elude a police officer, reckless driving, reckless endangerment and third-degree theft.

Marjorie L. Orand Clatskanie

Sept. 24, 1945 — Aug. 4, 2018

Marjorie “Marge” L. (Jones) Orand, 72, a resident of Clatskanie, Oregon, passed away with her family present on the evening of Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, at her daughter’s home in Hammond, Oregon.

Marge was born in Portland, Oregon, to Howard and Myrtle “Irene” Jones on Sept. 24, 1945. She attended Birkenfeld Grade School, Vernonia High School and graduated from Clatsop Community College with a nursing degree.

Marge married Tommie Atkins in 1967. They lived in many states, and in Germany, before returning home to Birkenfeld, where they had two daughters. They divorced in 1988. She married Delbert Orand in 1995.

Marge is survived by her daughters, Michelle McDonald-Bolton of Knappa, Oregon, and Janelle Adams (Dale) of Hammond, Oregon; her grandchildren, Jessica, Tori and Bethany McDonald and Daniel Adams (Keranda); her great-granddaughters, Aryana and Isa; her brother, Louis Jones (Sally); her sister, Marilyn Pederson (Dennis); and many nieces and nephews.

Marge was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert, in 2010, and her parents.

Marge worked with her parents at Olympic Forest Products in Birkenfeld, Oregon, until she

obtained her nursing certificate. She then worked at St. John’s Hospital in Longview, Washington, Providence in Seaside, Oregon, and Columbia Memorial Hospital and Pacific Pediatric in Astoria, Oregon.

She was very active in the Mist Helping Circle, as were her mother and grandmother. She was a lifetime member of Wabanang Chapter No. 127 of the Order of Eastern Star in Clatskanie.

Marge’s hobbies included reading, growing beautiful flowers, traveling with family and traveling with her longtime friend, Dixie Christman. Marge was an accomplished quilter, a passion she shared with her sister, Marilyn.

A memorial service for Marge will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at the Groulx Family Mortuary in Rainier, Oregon, followed by a procession to, and brief committal service at Fishhawk Cemetery in Birkenfeld, Oregon. Interested persons are welcome at both services.

Memorial donations may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon and Southwest Washington, Attn: Donations/Adult Cancer Patient Support, 2620 N. Commercial Ave., Portland, OR., 97227, or online at rnhcoregon.org or by calling 971-230-6700.



Marjorie Orand

Authorities rescue man who fell from cliff near Lincoln City

Associated Press

NEWPORT — Authorities say crews rescued a man who fell from a cliff near Lincoln City.

The Coast Guard says the Lincoln City Fire Depart-

ment called them Tuesday afternoon requesting a helicopter crew to help a man who fell off a cliff called God’s Thumb.

The crew helped firefighters locate the man who had fallen approximately

100 feet.

He was hoisted by a Coast Guard North Bend aircrew Tuesday evening and taken to Toledo.

The Coast Guard says the man was in stable condition when he was hoisted.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
58	73	68	67	71
Low clouds	Low clouds, then perhaps some sun	Mostly cloudy, a shower in the afternoon	Intervals of clouds and sunshine	Mostly sunny and nice

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ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures

High/low 76°/56°
Normal high/low 69°/54°
Record high 87° in 1939
Record low 46° in 1946

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.00"
Month to date 0.18"
Normal month to date 0.17"
Year to date 35.92"
Normal year to date 37.11"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:36 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday 6:07 a.m.
Moonrise today 2:51 a.m.
Moonset today 6:33 p.m.

REGIONAL WEATHER

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

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: M51 or Whirlpool Galaxy, consists of a large, bright galaxy and a smaller, fainter companion, just below the star that marks the Big Dipper's handle.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
1:03 p.m.	7.2 ft.	6:40 a.m.	-1.3 ft.
none		6:27 p.m.	2.1 ft.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today		Thu.		City	Today		Thu.					
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo				
Baker City	102	55	s	106	55	s	Olympia	96	56	s	94	55	s
Bend	102	59	pc	103	61	s	Pendleton	106	67	s	109	70	s
Brookings	64	54	c	65	53	c	Portland	98	66	pc	98	66	s
Eugene	97	57	pc	97	57	s	Roseburg	99	62	pc	98	61	s
Ilwaco	71	58	c	69	59	c	Salem	99	61	pc	99	60	s
Klamath Falls	98	54	pc	98	52	pc	Seaside	75	58	c	73	58	s
Medford	101	67	pc	103	67	pc	Spokane	99	66	pc	105	71	pc
Newberg	97	61	pc	96	59	s	Springfield	96	59	pc	96	57	s
Newport	65	56	c	65	57	c	Vancouver	97	63	pc	96	61	s
North Bend	67	57	c	68	58	c	Yakima	102	64	pc	106	67	pc

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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

BIRTH

July 24, 2018
HIGGINS, Malia and Chad, of Gearhart, a girl,
Scarlet Rose Higgins, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Wendy and Fred Higgins of Pasco, Washington, and Kimberley Brown of Keizer.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.
Astoria School Board, 6:15 p.m., Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.
Wickiup Water District

THURSDAY
Board, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.
Astoria Homelessness Solutions Task Force, 10 a.m., Clatsop Community College, Patriot Hall, Room 207, 1653 Jerome Ave.

Seaside Convention Center Commission, 5 p.m., Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave.
Gearhart Planning Commission, 6 p.m., 698 Pacific Way, Gearhart.
Warrenton Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Tuesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 8-1-2-0
4 p.m.: 9-3-1-0
7 p.m.: 0-4-3-6
10 p.m.: 4-2-6-8

Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 03-07-11-13-20-21-28-31
Estimated jackpot: \$11,000

Tuesday's Mega Millions: 2-13-15-21-62, Mega Ball: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$63 million

WASHINGTON
Tuesday's Daily Game: 2-5-0
Tuesday's Keno: 01-06-08-21-22-27-29-30-33-34-42-46-47-48-52-60-74-78-79-80
Tuesday's Match 4: 04-06-12-13

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