



LEFT TO RIGHT A van and trailer got stuck in the surf around 4:30 a.m. Wednesday near Gearhart. The van and trailer were almost completely submerged. Debris washed up onshore.

Van and trailer submerged near Gearhart

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A van and small travel trailer got stuck in the surf near the Del Ray Beach access in Gearhart on Wednesday morning.

The owner contacted several tow companies to remove the vehicle, but one was not able to arrive until the vehicle was halfway submerged in the ocean. There will be another attempt to remove the vehicle at the next safe opportunity,

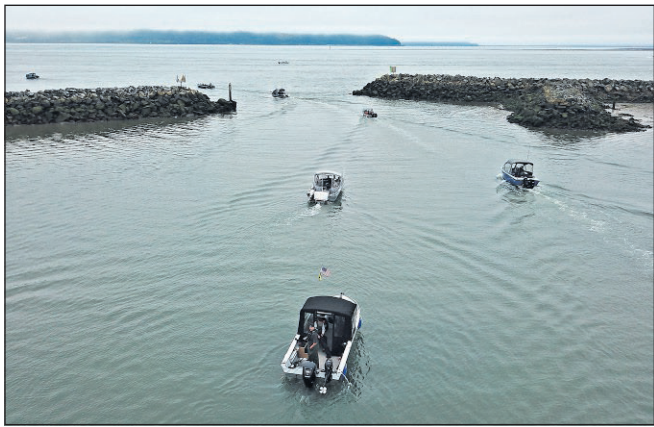
Clatsop County Sheriff Tom Bergin said in a statement. The owner of the vehicle has been cleaning up debris as it washes on shore. The Coast Guard is monitoring for any oil or fuel leaks.

Warrenton close to taking over ownership of Hammond Marina

Army Corps reviewing the land transfer

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — A long-desired transfer of land from the federal government to Warrenton may finally happen this year. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is requesting public comment on a plan to transfer ownership of the Hammond Marina to Warrenton. City leaders have been working toward a transfer for the past four years, but City Manager Linda Engbretson said Warrenton has long hoped to own the marina. Without full ownership of the property, Warrenton, which leases the small boat basin and surrounding property from the Army Corps, has struggled to secure money to dredge the silted-in marina. Nor has the city been able to go ahead with some other improvements. If the property transfer goes through, the city would also take on the responsibility of



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Fishing boats head out of the Hammond Marina to catch salmon during the Buoy 10 season.

maintaining the channel leading into the marina and breakwater. Ownership of the land will revert back to the Army Corps if the land ceases to be owned by a public entity. “I’m feeling very confident at this point,” Engbretson said. “The folks at the Corps have been great to work with.” The marina would be a key acquisition as Warrenton leaders begin to craft an economic development road map for Warrenton and Hammond. The city is in the middle of a community exercise to identify what kinds of businesses, amenities, jobs and other improve-

ments residents want to see in the area, and steps they can take to achieve these desires. The marina is already a busy hub during the height of spring and summer recreational fishing seasons. Hundreds of fishermen launch from the marina and camp at the small campground above the boat slips, especially during the summer. Last year, revenue from camping fees alone covered the city’s budget for maintaining and staffing the marina — a feat the city is on track to accomplish again this year. Harbormaster Jane Sweet’s first priorities once the city

gains ownership of the marina will be to get the marina dredged and repair docks, but other improvements and enhancements are likely to follow. Mayor Henry Balensifer told attendees at an economic development meeting in Hammond on Monday that the city will be working with neighboring Fort Stevens State Park to connect a city trail system with the park’s network of trails after the transfer of land goes through. Sweet herself would like to see the addition of a dock that would give people who don’t have boats the ability to fish and drop crab pots from the shore. The Army Corps is accepting public comments through Sept. 6. The agency’s environmental assessment of the site is available at <https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16021coll7/id/7748> Comments and questions can be sent via e-mail to Suzanne.Hill@usace.army.mil, or mailed to: U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, attention CENWP-PM-E/Suzanne Hill, P.O. box 2946, Portland, OR, 97208.



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Astoria Warehousing Inc. has sold four warehouses it owned in Knappa to Pacific Highway Holding Co.

Astoria Warehousing sells Knappa property

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

KNAPPA — Astoria Warehousing Inc. has sold its warehouses in Knappa to Pacific Highway Holding Co., which will continue leasing them out as warehouses. Representatives from Astoria Warehousing declined to comment. Several sources recently confirmed the company is shutting down operations in Clatsop County. Astoria Warehousing is owned by Bellevue, Washington-based Peter Pan Seafoods and Seattle-based Icicle

Seafoods, recently acquired by Canadian seafood giant Cooke Aquaculture. The company also owns about 5 acres and several large warehouses along the Columbia River near the Astoria Bridge. The property in Knappa includes four 20,000-square-foot warehouses. Lawrence Hoffman, a representative of Pacific Highway Holding Co., said the company intends to hire a manager for the warehouses, which could eventually employ between 10 and 20 people. The company hopes to make the warehouses operational by the end of the year, he said.

Two appointed to fill county planning posts

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Clatsop County commissioners appointed two residents Wednesday to the Planning Commission. John Orr, a Gearhart lawyer and former Democratic candidate for state House District 32, was appointed, along with Nadia Gardner, an Arch Cape environmental scientist. They replace Robin Riskey and Thomas Merrell on the commission.

County staff originally suggested Seaside City Councilor Tita Montero — one of six applicants — over Orr, but Commissioner Sarah Nebeker made a motion to appoint him. The appointment carried in a 3-0 vote, with Commissioners Lianne Thompson and Kathleen Sullivan absent. Planning Commissioner Michael Magyar was reappointed to his position for another term. All three terms run through June 2022.

Washington state to fight Trump’s move to relax rules on coal plants

By PHUONG LE
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Washington state plans to sue the Trump administration over its proposal to dismantle pollution rules that would have increased federal regulation of emissions from coal-fired power plants, Gov. Jay Inslee said Wednesday.

The U.S. Environmen-

tal Protection Agency plan threatens lives, props up an old technology and is illegal, the Democrat told reporters. “It’s an affront to people who want to breathe clean air.” The state will file a lawsuit — likely joining with other states — but it must first wait for the EPA rule to be formally proposed and finalized, which could take months, said Bill Sherman,

the attorney general’s counsel for environmental protection. The EPA announced Tuesday that it plans to replace President Barack Obama’s 2015 Clean Power Plan, his signature climate policy. It says its Affordable Clean Energy rule “empowers states, promotes energy independence and facilitates economic growth and job creation.”

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Our family cannot thank you enough.

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