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Vehicles cross over the Astoria Bridge prior to the arrival of the inspection team.

ROPED IN

Engineers inspect Astoria Bridge for fractures

By JACK HEFFERNAN
The Daily Astorian

After earning a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Ohio State University, Mike Kronander wasn't sure exactly what he wanted to do.

He worked as a construction and culvert inspector and a pavement and roadway designer, but he hadn't quite found his niche.

"I was looking, gearing more toward field work and I didn't really want to do the office thing anymore, and I always wanted to do

bridges, too," Kronander said.

Last week, about seven years after graduation, Kronander's latest gig had him dangling from ropes more than 100 feet above the Columbia River.

Kronander and a crew of fellow engineers have been using the ropes throughout the summer to inspect parts of the Astoria Bridge. The purpose of the inspection, required every two years by federal law, is to probe for signs of fracturing that could lead to a bridge collapse. No such signs have been detected.

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Dale Poorman, left, and Benjamin Barkan walk along the Astoria Bridge before performing an inspection.

HEALTH ADVISORY LIFTED FOR CULLABY LAKE

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A health advisory at Cullaby Lake has been lifted after testing found reduced levels of toxins from harmful algae.

The Oregon Health Authority said cyanotoxins are below the recreational guidelines for human exposure. But the water in the lake near Warrenton is still unsafe for dogs or other pets.

"Although the advisory has been lifted, conditions can change rapidly due to changes in weather and nutrients in the lake," the health authority said in a statement. "People should always be aware that blooms can develop on any water body under the right environmental conditions and can grow and disappear throughout the season."

The advisory was issued in late August.

Immigration a major topic at Bonamici town hall in Seaside



Natalie Crofts

U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici appeared at a town hall in Seaside on Saturday.

Trade policies, Kavanaugh also mentioned

By JACK HEFFERNAN
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SEASIDE — Immigration was one of the most discussed topics at a town hall hosted by U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici on Saturday at Seaside Heights Elementary School.

The town hall took place as President Donald Trump continues to push a hard stance on immigration and federal lawsuits seeking reunification

of families separated at the U.S.-Mexico border continue. It also came less than two months before Oregon voters will decide on Measure 105, which would repeal the state's sanctuary law.

Bonamici discussed the Family Case Management Program, a pilot program created in 2016 that aimed to keep families seeking asylum together. Former President Barack Obama created the program in response to a refugee crisis in Central America, and it was shut down last year.

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Girl Scout gets creative with activity book

Reddick calls attention to marine debris

By KATHERINE LACAZE
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When people vacation on the Oregon Coast, they are often looking to relax and have a good time — caring for the beach and addressing the problem of marine debris may be the last things on their mind.

"Marine debris is not really a fun topic," said 19-year-old



Carmen Reddick, a recent Valley Catholic High School graduate who has been visiting Seaside since she was an infant and now has a second home in the community.

Wanting to bring awareness to ocean pollution and help visitors learn about the natural flora and fauna on the Oregon Coast, Reddick created a Seaside Scouter activity book to earn her Girl Scouts

Gold Award.

"My project is focused on making picking up debris less about litter and more about community and fun," she said.

The activity book, which is available at the Seaside Visitors Bureau, Seaside Public Works Department, and potentially a few other locations throughout town, is an engaging junior ranger-like pamphlet, with activities that appeal to visitors of all ages.

"It's for everyone," Reddick said. "Everyone can learn more about marine debris, everyone can have an impact."

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Carmen Reddick has created an activity book to help promote the issue of marine debris and encourage families who live and visit the beach to help tackle it in a fun, creative way.

