

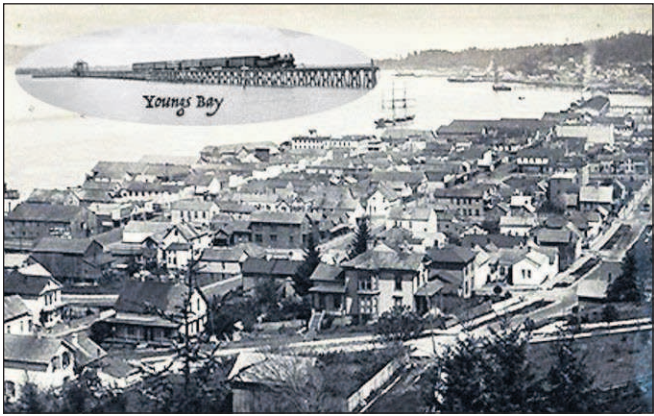
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LOCAL BREVITIES



Tidbits from **The Daily Astorian**, Saturday, Nov. 30, 1895:

- Now that the **railroad bridge** across **Young’s Bay** is being built, we will **sell lots** in **Astoria Addition to Warrenton** for the following prices: Inside lots \$60 (about \$1,800 now); corners, \$75 ... these lots are 50 by 100 feet and the owners of a number of lots contemplate planking the streets soon. They are situated just at the end of the railroad bridge, and are perfectly level and clear ... **R.L. Boyle & Co.**, sole agents.
- Note:** The railroad bridge was used for the last time in 1982, and dismantled in 1986. The New Youngs Bay Bridge, for cars, opened in 1964. (bit.ly/ybbridge)
- Mr. **Chas. Wilson**, the well-known boat builder of Uniontown, yesterday finished, at his new boat house, one of the finest and largest fishing boats ever built in Astoria.
- Note:** Charles Wilson (originally Kankkonen) came to America in 1879. He began working his trade as a boat builder in 1887, and in just one winter built 35 fishing boats and two gasoline launches. He was also a senior member of Wilson Brothers, a lucrative building company, and one of the organizers (and president, and one of the directors) of the Fishermen’s Cooperative Packing Company of Uppertown Astoria, formed in 1897. bit.ly/ChWils bit.ly/fishpack

CAFFEINATED KICKS

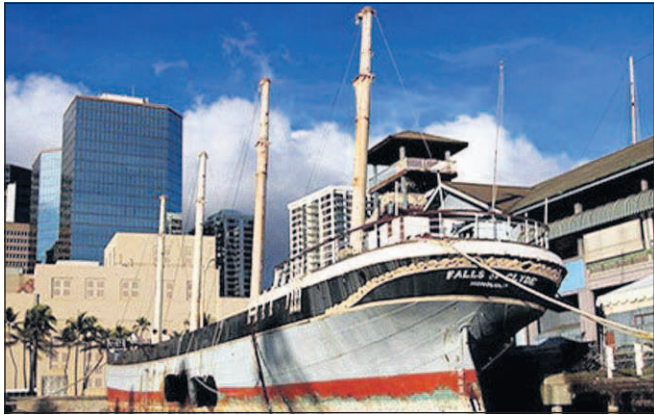


“**W**ake Up Sneakerheads!” the sales pitch begins. “**nat-2** launches “**vegan luxury sneakers** made from real coffee” that are handmade in Italy “in a new family-run high-tech facility” (bit.ly/coffsneak). The uppers are made from sustainable recycled coffee, coffee beans and plants.

The footwear has coffee applied to the material, as well, sending off whiffs of your favorite wake-up beverage while you walk. The vegan angle is also covered by using glue that has no animal ingredients, and for those who are serious about going green, the suede-looking parts are made from recycled PET (polyethylene terephthalate) bottles.

If you’re already choosing the eco-conscious style you want (high top or regular), you’d better hold off a bit. The first run is sold out, anyway, which will give you time to stock the penny jar: They cost €390 (about \$445).

SAVE THE FALLS OF CLYDE

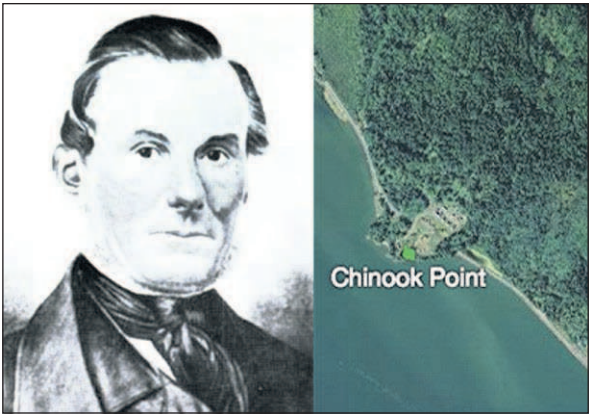


A little maritime history: The 278-foot long **Falls of Clyde**, the last sail-powered oil tanker in the world, has been out of commission and moored in Honolulu since 1963, and faring none too well, MaritimeExecutive.com reports (bit.ly/fallsclyde).

The good news is there are plans to return her to Glasgow, where her keel was laid in 1878, to be restored. Save the Falls of Clyde International, a nonprofit, is behind the rescue mission, and Sevenstar Yacht Transfer has already agreed to move the vessel to Scotland in February. The aging vessel is pictured, courtesy of Save the Falls of Clyde International.

Once restored, the nonprofit hopes to return the Falls of Clyde to a commercial sailing life at sea, transporting niche cargoes.

SCARBOROUGH’S GOLD



On a timely historical note, **Capt. James A. Scarborough** settled on his several-hundred-acre land claim at **Chinook Point** (now Fort Columbia) on Dec. 1, 1843, with his new wife, **Ann Elizabeth**, a Chinook Indian. Chinook Point was where **Chief Concomly**, who died of the flu in 1831, and his six wives once lived. Scarborough’s house was built near where Battery Two is now. He is pictured, courtesy of the Washington State Parks Commission.

Aside from the captain’s many accomplishments, he was known for his Hawthorne tree, a local landmark and navigation guide from which many slips were taken, and planted all over South Pacific County. But what truly cemented his name in local history and legend was his mysterious **gold treasure**, buried somewhere on his land.

Some say the gold was earned through his many varied and successful business ventures. Others claim his treasure was supplemented when he and some Chinook Indians “salvaged” a chest (or small barrel) containing several hundred gold dollar pieces from an abandoned shipwreck on the Columbia River. Legend has it that the Chinooks used their part of the booty as gambling chits, and also included them in burials, as some of the coins have been unearthed on the north side of the river.

Apparently, the only person Scarborough might have told where his treasure was stashed was his wife, but if he did, she never revealed the secret. One report says his son, **Ned**, searched unsuccessfully for the treasure several times before dying at home in Cathlamet, Washington, at the age of 80. Another says one of his sons followed his father to the spot one day, after which Scarborough promptly moved his treasure. It has still not been found. (bit.ly/scarbo1, bit.ly/scarbo2, bit.ly/scarbo3)

IVY WRANGLERS SAVE TREES



“**E**nglish ivy is a tree-strangler,” **Bonnie Henderson** wrote. “When this invasive vine creeps up tree trunks, its rootlets burrow into the bark, causing fungus and decay. Eventually the enormous weight of the ivy can topple a tree.”

“**Vaughn Martin** and **Penny Abegglen** of Clatskanie have made elimination of ivy on native North Coast trees a personal quest. So far this year they’ve killed ivy on 107 trees in two **North Coast Land Conservancy** habitat reserves on the Warrenton peninsula, exceeding their own goal.” Peggy is pictured with a “liberated tree.”

“We didn’t start out the year with a goal of 100,” Vaughn said, “but about a month ago, I saw that we were at around 75. We then decided to go for 100.”

“That total doesn’t include the 12 Sitka spruces that they liberated from ivy during a stewardship-by-canoe trip to the Nature Conservancy’s Blind Slough Swamp Preserve near Knappa in August,” Bonnie noted. “It’s hard work: they use loppers and saws to sever the vines (which can be as thick as your arm) from their roots in the ground; the vines above die and are no longer harmful to the tree.”

“There is a lot more ivy around than is realized, and there is still more on those two properties,” Vaughn added. “We intend to get it all.”

IT BEGINS WITH YOU



“**S**ea turtles that are near our shoreline this time of year have become enveloped by colder water as the warmer summer currents dissipate and winter sets in here in the Northeastern Pacific,” **Jim Burke** of the **Oregon Coast Aquarium** (www.aquarium.org) in Newport, said.

Consequently, the turtles slow down, and can’t migrate south fast enough — which then can cause dehydration, malnutrition and hypothermia. Weakened turtles can easily be pushed ashore by waves and **become stranded**.

So, if you find a sea turtle on the beach, note its location, stay nearby to keep an eye on it, if possible, and call **Marine Mammal Stranding Network** (covers Oregon, Washington, and California) at 866-767-6114, or the **Oregon State Police Tipline** at 800-452-7888, so efforts can be coordinated to transport the turtle ASAP to the Oregon Coast Aquarium or the **Seattle Aquarium**. A photo of a rescued turtle is shown, courtesy of the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

“The return of reproductively viable sea turtles back into wild endangered breeding populations can be critical for species recovery,” **Sally Compton** of the Oregon Coast Aquarium said. “And while cooperation among partner organizations and federal and state agencies is essential to rescue sea turtles — it begins with you.”

60 YEARS OF REMEMBERING



Linda Bloomquist Killion reported about the **60th reunion** of the **Astoria High School Class of 1958**, which took place Sept. 21 to 23. Quite a turnout of 60 classmates, plus guests, showed up for the event, which started Friday evening at Pier 39, “where many found their signatures on the remembrance wall of those who have worked at the Columbia River Packers Association/Bumble Bee Cold Storage.”

“One of the unique distinctions of this class is that we attended both Astoria High Schools,” she continued, “our first three years spent ‘Far Above Columbia’s Waters,’ which many of our parents had also attended (the current Clatsop Community College) and, in September 1957, having the privilege of opening the ‘new school’ by the bay, as its first senior class!” An enlargement of the reunion photo shown is at bit.ly/ahs1958

ISAK’S DEMISE



A 15-foot tall **troll** named **Isak Hearthstone** created an influx of tourist admirers, infuriating local homeowners in **Breckenridge, Colorado**, who demanded his removal from a spot on a popular hiking trail.

Created by Danish artist **Thomas Dambo** during the Breckenridge International Festival of the Arts in August, the hapless troll was unceremoniously attacked by local workers, who dismembered him with a backhoe and hacksaws. He is pictured in finer fettle courtesy of Hugh Carey/Summit Daily News via the Associated Press.

Sadly, most of Isak was discarded or recycled, but some pieces were saved and stored. Perhaps, somewhat truncated, he will return in a new location, preferably far, far away from irate homeowners.

COMMUNITY NOTES

SATURDAY

Sit & Stitch — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Homespun Quilts & Yarn, 108 10th St. Bring knitting, crochet or other needlework projects to this community stitching time. All skill levels welcome.

Detachment 1228 Marine Corps League — noon, El Compadre, 119 Main Ave., Warrenton. For information, contact Lou Neubecker at 503-717-0153.

Columbia Northwestern Model Railroad Club — 1 p.m., in Hammond. Group runs trains on HO-scale layout. For information, call Don Carter at 503-325-0757.

Spinning Circle — 1 to 3 p.m., Astoria Fiber Arts Academy, 1296 Duane St. Bring a spinning wheel. For information, call 503-325-5598 or go to astoriafiberarts.com

SUNDAY

Seniors Breakfast — 9 a.m. to noon, Astoria Moose Lodge, 420 17th St. Cooked to order from menu, includes coffee. Cost is \$5 for seniors 62 and older, \$7.50 for those younger than 62. Breakfasts are open to the public. Proceeds after expenses help support local and other charities.

Line Dancing — 5:30 to 8 p.m., Seaside American Legion, 1315

Broadway. For information, call 503-738-5111. No cost; suggested \$5 tip to the instructor.

MONDAY

Chair Exercises for Seniors — 9 to 9:45 a.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Scandinavian Workshop — 10 a.m., First Lutheran Church, 725 33rd St. Needlework, hardanger, knitting, crocheting, embroidery and quilting. All are welcome. For information, call 503-325-1364 or 503-325-7960.

Grace and Encouragement

for Moms — 10 to 11:30 a.m., Crossroads Community Church, 40618 Old Highway 30, Svensen. GEMS group is a time for moms to relax and enjoy each others’ company. Free childcare is provided. For information, call Christina Leonard at 503-298-3936.

Senior Lunch — 11:30 a.m., Bob Chisholm Senior Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Suggested donation \$3 for those older than 60; \$6.75 for those younger than 60. For information, call Suzanne Bjarranson at 503-861-4202.

Columbia Senior Diners — 11:30 a.m., 1111 Exchange St. Cost

is \$6. For information, or to have a meal delivered, call 503-325-9693.

Warrenton Senior Lunch Program — noon, Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St. Suggested donation of \$5 for seniors and \$7 for those younger than 60. For information, or to volunteer, call 503-861-3502 Monday or Thursday.

Astoria Rotary Club — noon, second floor of the Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St. Guests always welcome. For information, go to AstoriaRotary.org

Knochlers Pinochle Group — 1 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside. Cost is \$1 per regular session per person. Players with highest and second highest scores split the prize. Game is designed for players 55 and older, but all ages are welcome.

Mahjong for Experienced Players — 1 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. Not for beginners. For information, call 503-325-3231.

Line Dancing for Seniors — 3 to 4:30 p.m., Astoria Senior Center, 1111 Exchange St. Not for beginners. For information, call 503-325-3231.