

Search on for a septic solution on peninsula

Help needed for a stinky situation

By LUKE WHITTAKER
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LONG BEACH, Wash. — A septic situation is brewing in the bowels of the Long Beach Peninsula that has some holding their breath, hopeful for an answer.

The stinky situation started roughly six weeks ago when Evergreen Septic was notified by the Warrenton Wastewater Treatment Plant that it would no longer accept commercial waste. It is still processing Evergreen's residential effluent.

The Seaview-based septic company previously delivered commercial and residential waste to the plant for a few years, according to co-owner Ben Woodby.

"On Feb. 12 we received a letter from the wastewater treatment plant that we had been taking everything to that they were no longer going to accept commercial accounts," Woodby said. The "reason being commercial accounts have a lot more grease and things of that nature. Their issue was their plant was getting overloaded, so they did a policy change to combat their loading levels by going to straight residential."

The letter came as a shock to Woodby, whose septic company serves more than 120 commercial accounts across Pacific and Wahkiakum counties, representing about 30 percent of his business.

"The letter stated they



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Evergreen Septic co-owner Ben Woodby is looking for place to take commercial waste.

were only going to accept residential waste from houses serving no more than two families, basically a duplex was the biggest they would allow," Woodby said. "It was out of the blue. We didn't know there was going to be an issue. We had been hauling to them for the past five years.

"Before that we were going to Centralia, Shelton and Rainier. It's always been a long haul. Warrenton was the closest treatment plant

that accepted for us."

Seeking a solution

Woodby has been in contact with surrounding wastewater plants and several local and state officials over the past six weeks searching for an alternative plant to haul commercial waste. Nearby plants in Ilwaco, Long Beach and Raymond aren't capable of receiving the waste, so the search has widened.

"I called every wastewater plant that we can get a

hold of," Woodby said. "I just called Longview back today (March 21) and they're still not accepting because they have an issue with their plant. Aberdeen said they would be interested in receiving but to check back in a few weeks and Rainier was in the same position.

"All the other plants I called aren't set up for receiving of waste. The other issue is some have made policies where, if we're not servicing their county, we can't

haul waste to them. I've met the chamber and all of the sewer districts and county commissioners."

While a short-term solution is sought, the search for a long-term answer is also underway.

"Our goal is to see if we can become self sufficient for the county because we have three wastewater treatment plants — one in Long Beach, Ilwaco and Raymond," Woodby said. "Currently, none of those are set up for receiving and that's

our goal, to see if we can make some type of system so that we can in turn treat waste at one of the local water treatment plants.

"Right now the hauling to other sites ... it's not just a Pacific County problem, it's a Washington state problem. We're actively trying to solve this issue. We're just hitting the red tape from the state."

Under pressure

Commercial septic tanks on the peninsula are typically emptied, cleaned and prepped annually, usually in the spring just ahead of the busiest summer season.

With the Long Beach Razor Clam Festival and Loyalty Days only weeks away, concerns are growing about finding a solution soon.

"Loyalty Days is just around the corner and that's when our summer kicks off," Woodby said. "There's an urgency. I'm constantly trying to find ways to get rid of this, but come May that's when everyone comes down to the beach."

Woodby is hopeful that it will work out that commercial waste can be temporarily hauled to a plant in Longview, which he considered a best-case scenario.

"They're the biggest one, it's a regional wastewater treatment plant," he said. "They said to call back in a few weeks. It just becomes more concerning the more it gets pushed. I have an application to haul to them, I just have to wait for approval. We're doing everything we can to minimize the impact on the commercial customers, but there's a lot more procedures we have to go through."

Man sentenced to probation for attempted sex abuse

By BRENNA VISSER
The Daily Astorian

A man who attempted to sexually abuse a young girl in a Seaside hotel was sentenced to five years probation.

Travis Huggett, of Wasilla, Alaska, was indicted on four counts of first-degree sex abuse after inappropriately touching the girl, who was 12 years old at the time, in the pool of a Seaside hotel in 2016.

At one point, the girl hit her head near the pool and went back to the hotel to take a shower. Huggett then climbed into the shower and inappropriately touched her again, District Attorney Ron Brown said during a hearing

last week.

"She did hit her head at one point, but she didn't think she was groggy enough to need help in the shower," Brown said.

Huggett, 37, pleaded guilty to attempted sex abuse in the first degree, a lesser felony, and had his other charges dismissed in exchange for cooperating with the prosecution.

"He should have realized that it was inappropriate," said Brian Walker, an attorney who represented Huggett. "With the treatment, Mr. Huggett hopes to learn those boundaries."

As a part of his probation, Huggett will be required to complete a sex offender treatment program.

"You realize that your behavior toward her has probably had very detrimental effects on her and will maybe for the rest of her life," Judge Paula Brownhill said. "I'm hopeful you never do it ever again to a little girl or woman."

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A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
2 KATU	2	KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's A. "Silent All These Years" (N)		Station 19 "Baby Boom" (N)		For the People (N)		News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel		
5 KOMO	4	KOMO 4 News at 6pm (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's A. "Silent All These Years" (N)		Station 19 "Baby Boom" (N)		For the People (N)		KOMO4News (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel		
9 KING	5	NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Superstore (N)	A.P. Bio (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Abby's (P) (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Exile" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(:35) Tonight Show		
6 KOIN	4	(4:00) NCAA Basket.	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament Site: Honda Center -- Anaheim, Calif. (L)					Game On	KOIN News. (N)	Women's History	Ent. Tonight (N)	KOIN News/ 11 (N)	(:35) Colbert		
5 KIRO	7	(4:00) NCAA Basket.	NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament Site: Honda Center -- Anaheim, Calif. (L)					KIRO 7 Game Day	KIRO 7 News (N)	Judge Judy	Ent. Tonight (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	(:35) Colbert		
8 KGW	2	KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Superstore (N)	A.P. Bio (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Abby's (P) (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Exile" (N)		News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
9 KRCW	3	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "Lebanon" (N)		Legacies (N)		News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10 KOPB	10	Expeditions	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(:45) Midsomer "The Night of the Stag" (N)	Masterpiece Mystery! "Endeavour: Lazaretto" (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV		
12 KPTV	12	6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Gotham "Trespassers" (N)		The Orville "Identity, Pt. 1" Pt. 1 of 2		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	The Game		
18 KPDX	2	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)		The Orville "Identity, Pt. 1" Pt. 1 of 2		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons		
5 KCPQ	13	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Trespassers" (N)		Friends		Friends		March Mad. (N)	The Last O.G.		
20 TBQ	20	(4:15) NCAA Basket.	(:45) NCAA Basketball Division I Tournament (L)					Friends		Friends		Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
2 KZJO	22	Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family			Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory		SportsCenter (N)			
29 ESPN	29	(4:00) MLB Baseball Boston vs Seattle (L)		SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)			
30 ESPN2	30	(4:00) Tennis Miami Open (L)						UFC Unleashed "Johnson vs. Gaethje" (N)		UFC Main Event "Poirier vs. Gaethje" (N)		MLB Baseball Boston vs Seattle			
61 NICK	31	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	★ Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (09)	Voices of Maile Flanagan, Eunice Cho.	Friends		Friends	(:35) Friends		
32 DISN	32	Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home 1/3	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Sydney Max		
34 FAM	34	(5:10) ★★ Hook (1991, Fantasy)	Dustin Hoffman, Julia Roberts, Robin Williams.	(20) ★★ The Game Plan (2007, Family)				Madison Pettis, Roselyn Sanchez, Dwayne Johnson.		The 700 Club		Firestorm (1998, Action)	Howie Long.		
35 FNC	35	(4:30) ★★ Sicario (15)	(:50) ★★ Sicario (15)	(2015, Crime Story) Josh Brolin, Benicio del Toro, Emily Blunt.				(:10) The Shallows (2016, Thriller) Oscar Jaenada, Brett Cullen, Blake Lively.		(:05) Little (N) / (:15) LittleW.		(:15) Little	LittleW./ LittleW.		
38 LIFE	36	Little Women: Atlanta "Girl Power"		LW Atlanta "Big Little Decisions"		Little Women ATL "Ex and the City" (N)		LW Atlanta "Guess Who's Back" (SP) (N)							
38 ROOT	38	PBA Bowling Chameleon Championship				PBA Bowling Scorpion Championship World Series		PBA Bowling World Championship World Series							
39 F51	39	(5:00) PBA Bowling USA vs. The World		Set Apart: The Jim Abbott Story		MLB Whiparound (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Fair Game	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.					
43 SPIKE	43	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	★ Hancock (2008, Action) Charlize Theron, Jason Bateman, Will Smith.		The Office	The Office	Broad City (N)	The Other Two (N)	The Daily Show (N)	(:35) South Park		
44 COM	44	(:15) The Office	(:50) The Office "Andy's Ancestry" (N)	(:25) The Office		Chopped "Family Food Fight"		Chopped "Pizza Poetry"		(:05) Truck "David Vs. Goliaths" (N)	(:05) Truck Night in America (N)	(:05) The First 48 "A Fighting Chance"			
45 HIST	45	Swamp People "Bringing the Heat"		Swamp People "Cajun Cyclone"		The First 48 Atlanta "Deadly Rap" (N)		The First 48 "Taken for a Ride" (N)		Untold Stories of the ER "Shark!"		Building Off Grid "Spearfish Canyon"			
46 A&E	46	The First 48 "Killer Contact"		Say Yes to the Dress		600 Life: Supersized "Aaron's Story" Aaron must learn to care for himself. (N)		Off Grid "Mountain Timber Frame" (N)		Alaskan "Mountain Emergency" (N)		The Maya "Secrets of the Lost City"			
47 TLC	47	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes to the Dress		The Maya "Secrets of the Lost City"		The Story of God "Deadly Sins"		Egypt "No Man's Land" (N)					
48 DISC	48	Building Off the Grid "Vail Log Cabin"		Lost Treasures "Tomb Raiders"		Beauty and the Beast (2017, Family) Dan Stevens, Luke Evans, Emma Watson.		★ ★ ★ Mrs. Doubtfire (1993, Comedy) Sally Field, Pierce Brosnan, Robin Williams.		★ ★ ★ Blended (14, Comedy) Drew Barrymore, Adam Sandler.		(:05) Sixteen Candles Molly Ringwald.			
49 NGE0	49	Egypt Unwrapped "The Real Cleopatra"				NCIS "House Divided"		NCIS "Twofer"		NCIS "Skeleton Crew"		NCIS "Fake It 'Til You Make It"			
60 TNT	50	Bones "The Source in the Sludge"		Bones		Chopped "Family Food Fight"		Chopped "Pizza Poetry"		Beat Flay (N)	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay		
61 AMC	51	(:55) ★★ Happy Gilmore (96) Christopher McDonald, Julie Bowen, Adam Sandler.				Flip or Flop Vegas [Flip or Flop Vegas]		FlipFloVegas (N)	[Flip or Flop Vegas]	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters		
52 USA	52	NCIS "Beastmaster"		NCIS "Something Blue"		Grown Ups 2 (2013, Comedy) Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.		Anderson Cooper 360		Better Things (N)	Better Things	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
53 FOOD	53	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "Under the Cuban Sun"		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Inghram Angle			
54 HGTV	54	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	House Hunters	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Paid Program		Paid Program			
55 FOX	55	★ Bad Moms (2016, Comedy) Kristen Bell,				Project Runway (N)		Mill.Listing "Indecent Proposal" (SF) (N)		Real Housewives		Watch What (N)	Project Runway		
56 CNN	56	Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		(:15) ★★ The Quiet American (1957, Drama) Audie Murphy, Kerima, Michael Redgrave.				Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama		
58 FNC	58	Hannity		The Inghram Angle						Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama		
61 CNBC	61	Shark Tank		Shark Tank						Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama		
63 BRAV	63	(5:00) Mill.Listing	Project Runway "The Future is Here"							Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama		
64 TRM	64	(5:00) The Story of G.I. Joe	★★★ The Year of Living Dangerously							Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama		
65 SYFY	65	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama					Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama		
102 RFD	102	SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America 'Live'						Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama		
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