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The University of Oregon mascot poses for a photo with the Astoria High School Class of 2019 at a signing ceremony.

SIGNING DAY

Ceremony at Astoria High School celebrates the Class of 2019

By COLIN MURPHEY
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Usually, star athletes are the only ones who get signing days when they choose a college. But Astoria High School decided to hold a signing ceremony on Tuesday morning to celebrate the seniors from the Class of 2019. The assembly, organized by the high school's National Honor Society, even included a visit from the Oregon Duck, the popular mascot of the University of Oregon.

Sam Hemsley, left, shakes hands with Astoria High School Principal Lynn Jackson during a ceremony celebrating the Class of 2019.

Students at Astoria High School attend an assembly celebrating the Class of 2019.

Students in the Class of 2019.

Jenna Travers signs papers accepting a scholarship to the University of Oregon at a ceremony Tuesday at Astoria High School.

Astoria senior wins coveted scholarship

A full ride at Oregon

By EDWARD STRATTON
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The Stamps Family Charitable Foundation this year awarded five graduating seniors in Oregon scholarships covering four years of tuition, fees, room and board in college.

One of the winners out of the more than 900 applicants was Astoria High School's Jenna Travers. She took the stage on Tuesday during the high school's college signing day to accept a scholarship to the University of Oregon, where she will study political science and international relations with a minor in Spanish.

"I want to eventually go into politics, but I think I want to start out by working at an embassy so that I can work with other nations," she said. "I'm really interested in environmental policy specifically."

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New clinic could reduce overdose calls

Methadone treatment planned in Seaside

By BRENNA VISSER
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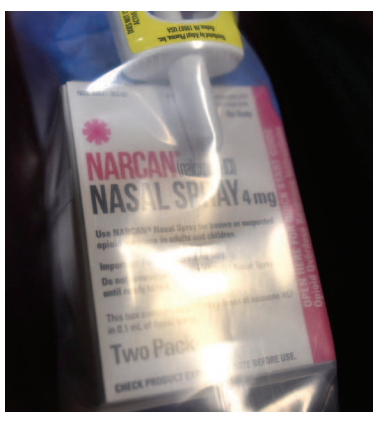
Emergency responders in Clatsop County consistently administer naloxone for opioid overdoses at rates higher than the state average.

It's one aspect of a larger opioid abuse problem that some hope can be eased by a methadone clinic scheduled to open in Seaside this fall.

Last week, representatives from the Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization, Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. and CODA, a Portland-based drug treatment provider, shared with the county Board of Commissioners how a methadone clinic might help.



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Naloxone, or Narcan, is a medication that quickly treats a patient for opioid overdose.

"It's not a magic bullet, but it's a tool," said Tim Hartnett, CODA's executive director.

Methadone acts as a powerful pain reliever that mimics some of the same effects as heroin or prescription opioids to help ease withdrawal symptoms. Having a local option is driven by the desire of the Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization, which oversees the Oregon Health Plan in Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties, to reduce the high cost of paying for people to get help in the Portland metro area.

The clinic would treat up to 300 people.

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Cannon Beach emergency manager returns to Portland

By BRENNA VISSER
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Mike Myers, the emergency manager in Cannon Beach, is returning to Portland in June to serve as the city's emergency management director.

Myers, who has held the North Coast post for just over three months, said moving back "wasn't on his radar" until he received a call last week from Portland City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty about the opportunity.

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