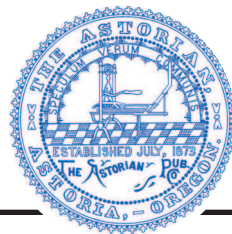


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## PUBLISHER'S NOTEBOOK

# Newspaper changes debut next week

Today marks the last issue of the last week in which The Daily Astorian will publish under that name, and five days a week.

There will be no newspaper delivered Monday.

Beginning Tuesday, you'll receive The Astorian — a newly refreshed, three-days a week publication — delivered Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to subscribers' mailboxes. It will be for sale by 7 a.m. at retail locations and in racks.

An informed community is a strong community. News affecting the Lower Columbia region is our priority. Local, state and regional news will fill most of the A section. Page A2 will become more newsy — with more briefs and quick bits like public meeting schedules, news of record and public safety logs.

The opinion page will remain on A4 every day. It remains the one page in the newspaper where we share our ideas on matters important to our region, with guest columns and other voices, including yours in letters to the editor.

Obituaries and death notices will be located inside the back pages of the A section, and local sports will continue to be anchored on the back of the section.

Every edition will include a B section with horoscopes, comics, puzzles and the classified ads. There are different special features for each publication day.

Tuesday's B section front will feature Water Under the Bridge, the popular local history column by Bob Duke. TV listings will transition from a daily evening feature to a weekly pullout guide on Tuesdays. Coast River Business Journal will be included as a bonus section on the second Tuesday of each month. Tuesdays

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will also be full of grocery and variety inserts for planning your shopping.

In One Ear — the fascinating collection of local gossip and history curated by Elleda Wilson — will anchor the B section front on Thursday. Inside, more community news and the community calendar. Coast Weekend, our reader-acclaimed magazine of coastal happenings, will appear on Thursday. Ads for weekend projects will be in the Thursday edition.

Weekend Break — the leisurely, longer read from local writers — will front Saturday's B section. You'll also find feature magazines, American Profile and Spry Living, each once a month. A weekend sports extra section with Friday night scores will debut in the fall. Starting in June, look for national manufacturer inserts for money-saving coupons. The last Saturday of each month will include the real estate magazine Our Coast Property Lines as a bonus.

In 1873, De Witt Clinton Ireland founded the Tri-Weekly Astorian because he believed that every community needs a newspaper to report on local happenings and promote the best interests of the Lower Columbia. As The Astorian approaches 150 years of continuous publication, independent and trusted local news remains the foundation of our business — whether it is delivered in print or online. Although we're now publishing triweekly in print, our news is produced digitally 24x7, and you can read it as it happens at dailyastorian.com. Consider signing up for our daily headline e-newsletter.

So don't be surprised when you don't receive a Monday paper. Just know that we're working to make your Astorian print editions worth the wait.



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# Astoria Column seen in a new light

The Astoria Column's new lighting system was put through its paces Monday night, merging from one color combination to the next for an audience that included city councilors and other community leaders.

The group drafted a lighting policy for the Column earlier this year and it was approved by the City Council in March. Under the new policy, the Column will no longer be lit for causes. Instead, it will be lit with colored lights for federally recognized holidays and to celebrate days significant to the city's history and heritage.

# City will help fund housing project

Council's goals for the next two years is to help efforts to increase the city's housing supply. "This is exactly what this does," he said.

# Jewell keeps health center hope alive

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**WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE**  
COMPILED BY BOB DUKE

10 years ago this week — 2009  
Most people were celebrating the week of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. In Astoria, the focus was on the recovery of the city's infrastructure. The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners was in session, discussing the future of the city's infrastructure. The board was discussing the future of the city's infrastructure. The board was discussing the future of the city's infrastructure.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Coho duplicity?

I read the article in The Daily Astorian, "Environmentalists want to protect coho salmon" (April 28). It struck me as somewhat ironic that one major factor causing the decline of coastal river coho was omitted.

While I recognize that all kinds of environmental insults from faulty forest practices to inoperative tide gates have decimated the coho habitat, it's almost always omitted that the largest producer of coho on the Oregon coast was from the Ten Mile Lakes complex. Those hundreds of thousands or more are all gone thanks to sport fishers illegally introducing bass into the lakes.

This voracious predator consumes millions of salmon fry before they can reach the smolt stage and leave for the ocean. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has essentially given up on combating the warm water species in the lake system, as eradication efforts that succeeded were quickly sabotaged by sport fishers releasing more juvenile bass into the lakes. So, the largest run of wild coho was eliminated by the very people who wring their hands over the decline in coho to catch.

TOD JONES  
Astoria

### Taylor for Sunset board

The Sunset Empire Transportation District is a critical resource to many in our community who can't drive or who do not have a vehicle.

The SETD Board of Directors is comprised of well-intended members, and we want to thank them for their service, but new sets of eyes are needed to reduce the risk of future disasters, such as the recent data loss, service cut backs, and expensive recovery costs.

Please vote for Larry Taylor, who can add much to help run the county's public transportation system.

Larry Taylor will bring to the SETD board over 26 years of project and people management experience. He has given countless hours to this community, co-founding and managing several organizations. He has served on numerous boards in Astoria and Portland.

As a registered parliamentarian, his knowledge of parliamentary procedure will make him an effective member, and invaluable in ensuring the SETD meetings are run fairly.

I strongly encourage your vote for Larry Taylor, Sunset Empire Transportation District Board.

BOB WESTERBERG  
Astoria

### Clean energy motivation

It is simply human nature to resist change. However, when we are called upon to make changes or face financial consequences, somehow what was once impossible becomes possible.

For example, the eastern part of the country had a serious acid rain problem that was the result of sulfur dioxide emissions from coal-burning power generation. Cap and trade programs to reduce sulfur dioxide levels have been in place since the early 1990s. It has been a terrific success. Most recent figures show a 91 percent decrease in this air pollutant. Would this reduction have occurred without the threat of increases in operating costs? (bit.ly/2IVboLU)

Another example is closer to home, found on the Georgia-Pacific website. When Georgia-Pacific (owner of Wauna Mill) was hit with a large hike in water usage rates in Halsey, Oregon, the plant operators found ways to decrease fresh water usage by 40 percent. That's 1.4 million gallons of water per day. Would this decrease have happened without the motivation to reduce costs? (bit.ly/2L9j3bQ)

The Clean Energy Jobs Bill will prove to be another successful motivator to improve the management of our resources and the quality of our environment. That is why I urge every voter to tell our state senators and representatives to pass House Bill 2020 without exceptions.

CHERYL CONWAY  
Astoria

### The power of words

I guess we all need a word of encouragement from time to time. I know as a young person starting in sales, an older friend said, "Jim you're going to be a

good salesperson." That made a big difference in my life.

Our words to others can either lift or lower their spirits. We all have the power by our words to plant seeds in the minds of others that will germinate and bear positive fruit in their lives. So before you speak, listen and think "will my words be worthy to be heard?"

Four things do not come back: The spoken word, the spent arrow, time past and neglected opportunities. May the words of my mouth be acceptable in thy sight O Lord, my strength and redeemer.

JIM BERNARD  
Warrenton

### Unfit president

It seems unlikely that the Founding Fathers included a process in the Constitution for the removal of an unfit president because they wanted the country to wait for the next orderly election cycle.

DONNA LEE ROLLINS  
Astoria

### Lives transformed

North Coast Recovery has always welcomed with open arms someone's family member, friend, loved one or neighbor that other facilities have asked to leave or kicked out. All because their insurance terminated, benefits maxed, they couldn't pay their deductible or out of pocket, had behavioral issues, relapsed once, or couldn't pay their rent at the sober living house.

Most of those kicked out would have ended up on the streets of Astoria, homeless, had we not taken them into our program and into the transitional housing right away. If they didn't know we were an option, they've been seen walking the streets towing their suitcases and trash bags.

If they were not from this area, they didn't have any money to get back to their home town, and their family didn't, either. So, they became another member of the homeless of Astoria.

You may not have known until now, but North Coast Recovery has been, and is making a difference in the city of Astoria and in Clatsop County. We want to

continue to do so, but we need the help and support of you, our community, now.

That is why we recently created North Coast Recovery Foundation, and are able to receive donations and offer tax deductible receipts. All donations will go directly to meeting the treatment needs of someone's family member, friend, loved one or neighbor.

I am one of the employees who was laid off, but continue to volunteer. I have seen lives transformed.

LAURA CURCIN  
Astoria

### Salmon fund at risk

Imagine the North Coast of Oregon without salmon. While salmon populations throughout the Northwest are greatly reduced compared to pre-European settlement, salmon are still here.

That is due in part to Oregon voters, who have consistently supported state investment in salmon recovery, and to a federal fund called the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund, which Congress established in 2000 to support salmon recovery projects throughout Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

The salmon recovery fund is at risk. For the third year in a row, the Trump administration has proposed zeroing it out in the federal budget. Each year, Congress finds a way restore it. We need Congress to step up again and keep this work going by restoring funding to the Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Fund in 2020.

The salmon recovery fund has been crucial to funding many important projects in Oregon and here in Clatsop County, including the North Coast Land Conservancy's acquisition of Boneyard Ridge on Tillamook Head, and adjacent Circle Creek Conservation Center.

NCLC has been investing state and federal dollars into salmon recovery to benefit local communities since its inception in 1986. And we can't stop now. I urge our congressional delegation to support this work by continuing to invest in salmon recovery for all Oregonians, current and future, near and far.

KATIE VOELKE  
Executive Director,  
North Coast Land Conservancy  
Seaside