

IN BRIEF

New Washington law changes tax exemption for Oregonians

The days are numbered for Oregon shoppers who've enjoyed an automatic sales tax exemption across the Columbia River. Washington Gov. Jay Inslee signed a bill into law Tuesday changing the way the tax break works.

"This will generate revenue to the state for essential services and programs," Inslee said.

Washington charges a 6.5% sales tax. With this new change in law, Oregon residents will no longer be free of sales tax at the cash register. Instead, they'll need to submit an annual application to Washington asking for the reimbursement of sales taxes they've paid in excess of \$25.

— Oregon Public Broadcasting

Inslee signs sanctuary state law

SEATTLE — Washington is on track to become a sanctuary state, adding to a West Coast wall of states with such policies.

Gov. Jay Inslee, a Democrat, signed a bill on Tuesday creating new rules.

Police officers in the state will be restricted from asking about immigration status except in limited circumstances, and the state attorney general will draw up rules for courthouses, hospitals and other government facilities aimed at limiting their use as hunting grounds for federal immigration agents.

The rules expand on a 2017 executive order from Inslee, which imposed similar requirements only on state agencies, a move advocates said stopped short of other sanctuary states, which include Oregon and California.

— Associated Press

Deadly 2017 train wreck could have been prevented

Crew training deficiencies played a crucial role in the deadly 2017 Amtrak train derailment near DuPont, Washington, according to a final report from federal investigators accepted Tuesday by the National Transportation Safety Board.

NTSB board members also had sharp criticism for a quartet of entities involved in the Amtrak Cascades service: the train operator, Amtrak, the track owner, Sound Transit, the rail service funder, Washington State Department of Transportation, and the regulatory agency, the Federal Railroad Administration.

— Northwest News Network

DEATHS

- May 21, 2019**
WALKER, Linda Sue, 66, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.
- May 20, 2019**
IRBY, Marie, 98, of Portland, formerly of Astoria, died in Portland. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.
- May 19, 2019**
JOHNSON, Kenneth

- Ray Sr., 75, of Corona, California, and Elsie, died in Corona.
- May 18, 2019**
BENSON, Sue Ann, 69, of Gearhart, died in Gearhart. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.
- May 17, 2019**
LINDSTEDT, John, 62, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

BIRTHS

- May 13, 2019**
HOLLO, Samantha and Neil, of Naselle, Washington, a boy, Tanner James Hollo, born at Providence Seaside Hospital. Grandparents are Vern Hollo and Carolyn Hollo, of Granite Falls, Washington, and Sam Walker Jr. and LeeAnna Walker, of Bovill, Idaho.
- Jan. 30, 2019**
FRANSEN, Emilee and Toivo, of Knappa, a

boy, Heikki Edward John Fransen, born at Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center in Vancouver, Washington. Grandparents are Trygve and Kathy Fransen, of Knappa, and Ed Bussone and Karen and Gary Wattula, all of Longview, Washington. Great-grandparents are Dave and Sue Corkill, of Astoria, and Patty Kivisto and Mike Jones, of Knappa.

CORRECTION

Road trip — The Portland Timbers are on a 12-game road trip to start the MLS season because of renovations to Providence Park in Portland. A story on A1 Tuesday incorrectly said the road trip was 10 games.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

- THURSDAY**
Sunset Empire Transportation District Board, 9 a.m., Astoria Transit Center, 900 Marine Drive.
Miles Crossing Sanitary
- Sewer District, 3 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.



ACTIVISTS GATHER IN ASTORIA FOR ABORTION RIGHTS

Demonstrators in Astoria on Tuesday oppose new state laws restricting abortion.
Colin Murphey
The Astorian

Meyer defeats Mazzarella in college board race

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
The Astorian

Challenger Sara Meyer defeated incumbent Andrea Mazzarella on Tuesday in the race for Zone 2, Position 2 on the Clatsop Community College Board covering Astoria and outlying neighborhoods.



Sara Meyer

Meyer had 70% of the vote to Mazzarella's 29%. Meyer, 74, touted her experience serving on the college board from 1996 to 2000 and the Astoria School Board from 1976 to 1980. She came to Astoria in the 1970s with her husband, Chuck, worked at Tongue Point Job Corps Center and opened the Complete Photographer with her husband in 1977, running it

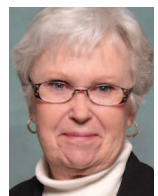
for 40 years. Mazzarella, 38, a real estate agent and former service-sector worker for more than 20 years, was appointed to the college board in January 2018 to replace Patrick Wingard. She credited Meyer with running a strong campaign and, in a nod to her platform, having more time as a retiree.

"I think she's extremely capable and she'll do a great job for the college," Mazzarella said.

Mazzarella said she learned a lot about governing while on the college board. She still serves on the Astoria Budget Committee and a county comprehensive plan committee, as well as the board for the Astoria Arts and

Movement Center. The college recently finished the \$16 million redevelopment of Patriot Hall and is in the process of closing on 22 acres at South Tongue Point it leases for the Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station, its career-technical campus. The college is trying to raise more than \$20 million to build a new academic hall there for its unique maritime science program.

Karen Burke, a retired nursing instructor and chairwoman of the college board, won an uncontested race for Zone 1, Position 1 covering much of the eastern portion of Clatsop County. Anne Teaford-Cantor, who retired from the corporate world to Astoria in 2003 and joined the college board in 2015, also ran unopposed.



Karen Burke



Anne Teaford-Cantor

Two positions on the college board representing Warrenton and South County, being vacated by retired anesthetist Tessa Scheller and Seaside Public Library Director Esther Moberg, had no filed candidates.

As of Wednesday morning, the county had 196 write-ins for Scheller's position and 174 for Moberg's. Giving the proper time for challenges and certifying the votes could take 20 days, County Clerk Tracie Krevanko said.

ELECTION RESULTS

See full election results for Clatsop County online at: results.oregonvotes.gov

Morrison, Chapman with edge in park and rec races

The Astorian

SEASIDE — Lindsey Morrison won Position 5 on the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District's board in Tuesday's election, while John Chapman held a narrow edge in Position 4.

Morrison had 42% of the vote, compared to Patrick Duhachek's 35% and incumbent Rodney Roberts' 23%.

"I'm honored to be elected to the Sunset Empire Board of Directors," Morrison said. "Thank you to all who put their confidence in me. I will bring my very best to this position and I look forward to getting



Lindsey Morrison



John Chapman

started." Roberts was appointed earlier this year after district board president Alan Evans stepped down.

In a tight four-person race, Chapman held 26% of the vote. Katharine Parker and Marti Wajc had 25%, while Shirley Yates received 23%.

Wintermute beats Oser in race for Astoria School Board

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Heidi Wintermute



Jimmy Pearson

Heidi Wintermute, a school psychologist, defeated incumbent David Oser, a retired chief financial officer from regional lender Craft3, in the race Tuesday for Position 2 on the Astoria School Board.

She gathered 58% of the vote to Oser's 41%.

Wintermute, who works in Washington's Ocean Beach School District, said she was inspired to run by her 3-year-old son entering Shooting Stars Child Development Center and the urge to give back as a native Astorian returning after living away.

She noted her experience over the past decade as a school psychologist working with the most at-risk kids and seeing childhood trauma, mental health and the resultant behavioral issues getting worse in schools.

Oser, who was appointed to the school board in 2016, said the school district is in the best financial shape it's been in since the Great Recession and that Wintermute will do a great job moving forward.

Voters passed a \$70 million bond in November to rebuild an academic hall at Astoria Middle School, while modernizing and securing

campuses districtwide.

"I think I was very instrumental in the passage of the bond," he said of his role on a political action committee supporting the bond. "I think that's the most important contribution that I made."

Oser also pointed out his push to eliminate cocurricular activity fees for students, an effort funded in the proposed budget for next school year, as part of his legacy.

Jimmy Pearson, director of the Astoria Library, ran unopposed for Position 3.

Elsewhere in the county, incumbent Sondra Gomez of the Seaside School Board held off a challenge from Jeremy Mills and John Dunzer to continue to represent Zone 5, Position 1.

Construction worker Brian Meier, an incumbent on the Jewell School Board, was losing a close race to challenger Julie Hedford, a nurse and lactation consultant. Hedford had 44 votes in the rural school district to Meier's 39 votes.

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Memorial Day ceremony

May 27, 2019

Memorial services will begin at 11:00 am

Fly Over by the United States Coast Guard

Guest speakers

A potluck immediately following the services at the American Legion — bring your favorite dish

This Year

An Avenue Of Crosses & Flags will be displayed at the Ocean View Cemetery.

Crosses & Flags will not be placed on individual grave sites.

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OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019

Please note the following deadline changes:

Advertising deadline for Tuesday, May 28 edition is Wednesday, May 22 at 5pm.
Classified deadline is Friday, May 24 at 11am

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