

IN BRIEF

Software error adds 200 votes to Tuesday's election

An error in the software used to count votes caused more than 200 test ballots to initially be included in the results of Tuesday's election.

County Clerk Tracie Krevanko said ballot-counting machines worked properly. The county ran a test before counting official ballots, but the module used for counting forgot to take the test votes out.

The 212 test votes were spread over 11 voting precincts and did not affect any races, but made noticeable differences in small districts decided by fewer votes, Krevanko said. She said the issue has since been corrected.

Saddle Mountain closed to hikers

Saddle Mountain State Natural Area will be closed next week so crews can remove a dilapidated garage, clear debris and take care of maintenance at the park.

The park will be closed all day Tuesday through Friday, but is expected to be open again on June 1. The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department hired Warrenton-based Custom Excavating to complete the work at a cost of \$9,000.

Saddle Mountain, located off U.S. Highway 26, is a popular destination for hikers.

Englund Marine hosts boater safety course

The State Marine Board will hold a one-day class for people seeking an Oregon boater education card.

Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. on June 1 in the upstairs conference room of Englund Marine & Industrial Supply at 95 Hamburg Ave. in Astoria. The class runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., including a lunch break, and costs \$10.

The boater education card is issued for life and honored by all states.

For more information or to reserve a spot, call Jerry Ostermiller at 503-791-3161.

Knappa water flushing planned

KNAPPA — The Knappa Water Association is flushing mains from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Patrons may expect periods of low water pressure or cloudy water. If these conditions persist, call the Knappa Water Association office at 503-458-6461.

Memorial Day service planned at Maritime Memorial Park

The Memorial Day service at Maritime Memorial Park in Uniontown is 3 p.m. on Monday.

The event recognizes people whose names are engraved on the memorial.

This year, the service is dedicated to Shirley Tinner, a founding member of the Uniontown Association, who died in December.

— The Astorian

DEATHS

May 22, 2019

MORGAN, Evelyn Shirley, 83, of Knappa, died in Knappa. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

May 20, 2019

McMASTER, James A., 65, of Tacoma, Washington, formerly of Warrenton, died in Tacoma. Scott Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Tacoma is in charge of the arrangements.

BIRTH

May 8, 2019

CONLIN, Elisa and Taylor, of Gearhart, a girl, Lorelai Belle Conlin, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

Warrenton police arrested Ronald Cordell, 71, of Hammond, near the Hammond Marina on Monday for driving under the influence of intoxicants. Cordell had a blood alcohol content of 0.15%.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Astoria Library Board, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Seaside Airport Advisory Committee, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Astoria Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

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Emergency responders circle underneath the Astoria Bridge after a man jumped on Thursday morning.

Authorities probe suicide on Astoria Bridge

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A Warrenton man jumped off the Astoria Bridge on Thursday morning.

The man parked his car halfway up the span on the Astoria side, got out and started walking, Astoria Police Chief Geoff Spalding said.

When police officers arrived, they saw the man

on the other side of a barrier and railing. Officers started to talk to him, but held back until emergency responders in the water and a crisis negotiator were in place. The man did not respond to officers.

"So we were waiting for the crisis negotiator to get here and he basically jumps," Spalding said.

Clatsop County Sheriff Tom Bergin said the man

hit a bridge support in the main channel of the Columbia River. His body fell into the river and has not been recovered.

The man was identified as Daniel Williams, 24, of Warrenton, according to Astoria police.

The bridge was initially closed, but both lanes were open to traffic shortly before 11 a.m.

"Events such as these are painful, especially for those who may have lost someone to suicide or may feel suicidal themselves," Amy Baker, the executive director of Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare, said in an email. "If this is you, we at CBH would like to tell you that we are here for you. Call us directly at 503-325-5724 or call Lines for Life at 800-273-8255."

Elected officials discuss combined 911 center

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
The Astorian

The often-controversial topic of 911 consolidation could land in front of Clatsop County leaders this year.

A majority of elected officials representing county and city governments indicated at an annual meeting Thursday night that they would be open to a discussion about possibly combining Astoria and Seaside's emergency dispatch centers.

Getting the "pulse of the room" was an important step, Warrenton Mayor Henry Balensifer said afterward. He believes dispatch services should be a countywide, shared asset and pushed for a preliminary discussion on Thursday.

He plans to talk with the rest of the Warrenton City Commission about 911 consolidation this summer.

The subject of consolidating 911 dispatch has come up before. Proponents argue that a central, combined dispatch center is an important safety-driven change and would improve communication in parts of the county that are known as perpetual dead zones.

However, opponents argue consolidation could take away local knowledge that can be critical when dispatchers are guiding emergency responders. In Seaside, dispatchers also perform other duties at the police department, from monitoring holding cells to record-and-evidence keeping.

Balensifer and other officials do share a concern about moving vital emergency ser-

vices like the dispatch centers outside of hazard areas. Astoria and Seaside's dispatch centers are located inside tsunami inundation zones.

A number of elected officials, including Seaside city councilors, said they were open to discussing consolidation, but did not lend their full support to the idea. Others said they wanted more information first.

Right now, not all employees at the different dispatch centers may be covered by the state's Public Employees Retirement System, said Astoria Mayor Bruce Jones. Some have different unions, he added.

But these challenges could be addressed one step at a time, he said.

Seaside City Councilor Seth Morrisey remained largely unconvinced, however. "We are very proud of the fact that we have a 911 dispatch center," he said. The local knowledge and control found in the dispatch center is important to the community and the police department.

Culturally, and in terms of emergency situations that arise, Astoria and Seaside sometimes "feel a world apart," he said.

He rejected a suggestion made by some officials Thursday to move all dispatch services to Astoria's 911 center and morph personnel over time.

"If there was a site that was potentially centrally located out of the inundation zone and everything else made sense, then it would be a proposal I would consider, but I'd be a tough sell," Morrisey said.

Astoria police seek information on assault

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Astoria police are seeking information about an assault on a homeless man Thursday night.

Police and firefighters were dispatched around 11 p.m. to 31st Street and Marine Drive, where passersby found a 41-year-old man and his bike in the westbound lane with an injured head and arm.

The man was highly intoxicated and unwilling to provide information about what happened. Police determined he had not been hit by a car, but likely assaulted.

Police ask anyone who may have information to call the nonemergency dispatch line at 503-325-4411 or email Detective Cory Gerig at cgerig@astoria.or.us

Offices close for Memorial Day

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In observance of Memorial Day on Monday, all federal, state, county and city offices and services, including Astoria, Warrenton, Gearhart, Seaside and Cannon Beach city halls, are closed. All U.S. post offices are closed, and there is no mail delivery.

Astoria, Jewell, Knappa, Warrenton/Hammond, Seaside (including Cannon Beach and Gearhart schools) and Ocean Beach School District schools and Clatsop Community College are closed.

The Astoria Library, Seaside Library, Warrenton Library and all Timberland libraries in Washington state are closed.

The Port of Astoria offices and services are closed.

Garbage collection through Recology Western Oregon, city of Warrenton garbage collection, and Peninsula Sanitation

in Washington are not affected by the holiday. Recology Western Oregon's transfer station and Peninsula Sanitation's transfer station are open.

The Sunset Pool in Seaside is open from 5:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Astoria Aquatic Center is open regular hours.

The Clatsop County Heritage Museum, the Oregon Film Museum and Flavel House are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Carriage House is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Uppertown Firefighters' Museum is closed.

Lil' Sprouts is closed. Fort Clatsop is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Columbia River Maritime Museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Seaside Museum is closed.

Sunset Empire Transportation ("The Bus") is running.

The Astorian offices are closed.

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