

IN BRIEF

New candidates in running for Astoria community development job

Astorians will have a chance to vet two candidates for the city’s community development director job.

The city will host a public meet and greet at 6 p.m. on July 8 at Clatsop Community College. The candidates’ names have not been released, but will be announced at the event.

The community development director position has been open since October 2017, when former director Kevin Cronin resigned.

City Manager Brett Estes, who has served as the interim director, posted the job multiple times and offered the position to candidates only to have the offers fall through for a variety of reasons.

The candidate meet and greet will be held in Clatsop Community College’s Columbia Hall, Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave.

— *The Astorian*

Port of Vancouver says ‘no’ to new fossil fuel projects

Port of Vancouver commissioners passed a significant energy policy shift that shuts the door on any future bulk fossil fuel terminals.

By a vote of 2-1, commissioners laid out a new statement: “the port chooses not to pursue new bulk fossil fuel terminals on port-owned industrial property.”

For the past several weeks, dozens of environmental activists have crowded board meetings, urging commissioners to pass a new policy taking a stance against future fossil fuel projects.

“I want to thank you for giving the necessary due diligence to the proposed resolution of the renewable and clean energy policy and most importantly for listening to all concerns, including those of the community,” Fruit Valley neighborhood resident and recent Goldman Environmental Prize winner Linda Garcia said before the vote.

“This is your chance to put Vancouver and the port on the map to show the rest of the region and the world that clean and renewable energy projects are sustainable,” she added.

— *Oregon Public Broadcasting*

BIRTH

June 8, 2019

GONZALES, Alyssia and WEST, Frederick, of Seaside, a boy, Ruben Isaiah Gonzales, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Heather and Ruben Gonzales, of Seaside.

DEATHS

June 26, 2019

IVERSON, Thomas Andrew, 72, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the

arrangements.

June 21, 2019

SALGADO, Juliana, 81, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

Saturday, June 29

JOHNS, Lawrence Dan “Bud” — Mass will be celebrated at 4 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Roman Catholic Church, 120 Oceanway in Seaside.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

• David Charles Anderegg, 64, of Damascus, was arrested on Monday for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving on U.S. Highway 26 in the U.S. Highway 101 interchange. The vehicle traveled up an embankment, hit a tree and slid back down, landing on the right side. Police said the driver climbed out of the

car and fled. Law enforcement found him nearby hiding in tree debris. He was treated for minimal injuries. His blood alcohol content was 0.04% more than four hours after the crash.

• Vincent Lindley Evans, 59, was arrested on Saturday on U.S. Highway 101 in Warrenton for DUII. His blood alcohol content was 0.19%.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY
Sunset Empire Transportation District Board, 9 a.m., Astoria Transit Center, 900 Marine Drive.
Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services, 9:30 a.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Clatsop County Recre-

ational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.
Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council, 4 p.m., 800 Exchange St., Room 430.
Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

For Miss Oregon contestants, it’s about beating their best

Pageant concludes on Saturday

By KATHERINE LACAZE
For The Astorian

SEASIDE — When the contestants step onstage during the Miss Oregon pageant, they are encouraged to stay focused on one primary goal: Beating their own best.

“I’ve personally never felt in competition with my sisters,” said 16-year-old Lilly Boothe, Miss Clatsop County’s Outstanding Teen, from Clatskanie. “I truly believe it’s a battle against yourself. ... I think we’ll all be happy and supportive of whoever wins.”

The Miss Oregon and Miss Oregon’s Outstanding Teen competitions kick off with a variety of preliminary events Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The final competition and crowning takes place Saturday night at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

Twenty-five titleholders from across the state are in the running to win the Miss Oregon crown and advance to the Miss America competition, while 20 younger candidates compete for Miss Oregon’s Outstanding Teen.

The areas of competition for the Miss Oregon candidates include personal interview, onstage interview, evening wear and social impact and talent. The top five finalists also participate in a final conversation with judges, where they express why they are best for the job of Miss Oregon and how serving in the role will set the stage for becoming a future leader.

The Outstanding Teen categories also include private interview and talent, along



Sydney Rapp

Lilly Boothe, left, Miss Clatsop County’s Outstanding Teen; Ranisha Speed, Miss Clatsop County; and Sydney Rapp, Miss North Coast’s Outstanding Teen, are competing in the Miss Oregon Scholarship Program.

with lifestyle and fitness in active wear, onstage questions in evening wear, and scholastic achievement.

‘Practice, practice, practice’

Miss North Coast’s Outstanding Teen Sydney Rapp, of Gearhart, has prepared rigorously for the state competition over the past few weeks.

“I take a section of the competition every day and practice, practice, practice,” she said.

Not only has she reviewed her tumbling routine for the talent portion and the group choreography, but she has also honed her public speaking and interviewing skills by having her friends or mom ask her random questions, mostly pertaining to her platform of financial literacy for kids. She is tying

her platform into her upcoming senior project at Seaside High School.

Rapp’s favorite part of the competition is the talent category, as she’s been tumbling since she was 8 and finds it exciting to share her love for the activity with the audience.

Although she is focused on the state competition at hand, the Outstanding Teen candidates also are aware of the Miss America’s Outstanding Teen competition coming up in July in Florida.

“Whoever is going to be Miss Oregon’s Outstanding Teen has to go to the national level right away,” Rapp said. Although she hopes to be that person, she reminds herself, “If you don’t get Miss Oregon’s Outstanding Teen, someone else will get it, and they’ve also worked their hardest.”

Ocean salmon fishing season opens with mother lode of coho

By LUKE WHITTAKER
Chinook Observer

ILWACO, Wash. — The ocean recreational salmon fishing season opened Saturday with local charter fleets reporting aggressive fish and frequent limits, often well before lunchtime.

Coho salmon, also known as silvers, are accounting for a vast majority of the promising early-season catch, with a few Chinook mixed in.

“It’s probably the best opener we’ve had since 2014,” said Coho Charters owner and skipper Butch Smith moments after returning to port with a load of customers Monday morning, each with their two salmon daily limit.

“I think the million (returning coho) predication was pretty close this year. I think it’s going to be an excellent year.”

The fishing has been fast and furious.

“We got our last fish by 11 a.m.,” said Westwind deckhand Clark Von Essen upon returning to port Sunday. “We limited out quick.”

Von Essen estimated that 95% of the catch was coho and 5% Chinook, which typically show up in greater numbers later in the summer.

“Hopefully it stays open longer than it did last year and we have a chance to have a good season,” Von Essen said.

The bounty brought in by recreational fishermen has been a boon to local canneries.

“Everybody was limited by noon all weekend and that usually doesn’t happen on opening day,” said Sportsmen’s Cannery co-owner Kevin Ward. “It’s been very good, lots of fish. It reminds of years past, when we first started in the business and had huge salmon years.”

The early-season catch has matched what fishery managers predicted would be a strong coho return.

An estimated 905,800 coho are projected to return to the Columbia River this year, an increase of 619,600 fish from the 2018 forecast. About 147,000 coho actually returned to the river last year.

Astoria planners reject vacation rental project

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
The Astorian

A developer who wants to convert an apartment building on Commercial Street into an Airbnb-style rental was turned down by the Astoria Planning Commission on Tuesday night.

Stewardship Homes LLC, of Tigard, sought to rent out five units in the two-story property in a central commercial zone near First Baptist Church. But city staff recommended denial of a conditional use request, citing concerns over parking and the conversion of residential apartments to short-term rentals.

Staff found the lack of

parking would place pressure on parking for residents, and noted the city is considering a ban on converting residential units to short-term rentals.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to deny the request.

Daryl Moore, the commission’s vice president, said the city’s comprehensive plan emphasizes maintaining the community’s housing stock. “Approving this application would reduce existing housing stock. And, for that reason, I would be against it,” he said.

Matt Gillis, of Stewardship Homes, said afterward he would likely appeal to the City Council.

Astoria man now faces more sex abuse charges

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An Astoria man arrested in May for sexual abuse of a pre-teen girl is facing more charges.



Douglas Davis

After further investigation of Douglas Trent Davis’ electronics, his charges have increased to seven counts of encouraging

child sexual abuse in the first degree, 13 counts of using a child in display of sexually explicit conduct, nine counts of sexual abuse in the first degree, four counts of unlawful sexual penetration in the first degree, two counts of sodomy in the first degree, incest and luring a minor.

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