

IN BRIEF

Town hall planned on immigration enforcement

A town hall meeting to discuss immigration enforcement is planned for Wednesday night at First Presbyterian Church in Astoria.

"The meeting will give the community an opportunity to identify possible rights violations ... as well as potential actions we could take if the attendees decided they were in order," Larry Taylor, a meeting organizer, said in a news release.

Topics will include the federal detention of Fabian Alberto Zamora-Rodriguez on July 18 at the Clatsop County Courthouse. There will also be discussion about the circumstances of Zamora-Rodriguez's arrest for encouraging child sexual abuse and other charges in February.

"The issue is more broad than the rights of Mr. Zamora-Rodriguez," Taylor said.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the church's Fellowship Hall.

Fort George to receive electric vehicle charging port

Fort George Brewery will install a new electric vehicle charging station funded by Pacific Power.

The charging port will be located in a parking lot across Duane Street from the brewery's main pub, where the company keeps a bicycle shelter for employees. Fort George hopes to have the port installed by spring, said Jack Harris, co-owner of the brewery.

Pacific Power's grant program will cover up to 100 percent of the project cost.

Launched last year, the electric charging station grant program has awarded more than \$700,000 to 25 nonprofits, local governments and businesses around the state. This round of grant funding gave nearly \$300,000 to fund 27 ports at Oregon-based workplace charging and publicly accessible charging stations that advance transportation electrification.

Rocka holds meet and greet Saturday

Astoria City Councilor Roger Rocka will hold a "meet your councilor" event at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The informal chat is being held at Three Cups Coffee House, 279 W. Marine Drive, where Rocka welcomes residents' thoughts, ideas and concerns about any city issues.

Columbia Pacific CCO seeks proposals for community wellness

Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization is seeking projects within Clatsop, Columbia and Tillamook counties that improve the health of the community.

The Community Wellness Investment Fund supports local solutions that address health equity and social determinants of health in one or more of the eight improvement priorities identified in the Regional Health Improvement Plan.

The eight priority areas include: community resilience and trauma informed care; access to primary care; access to behavioral health; access to oral health and dental care; access to a social safety net; chronic disease prevention; suicide prevention; and housing.

Proposals can be submitted until Aug. 31.

For more information and applications, visit bit.ly/wellness-fund

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DEATH

July 26, 2019

BROWN, Calvin, 85, of Astoria, died in Portland. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

Saturday, Aug. 3

PARONEN, Betty Ella — Celebration of life at 11 a.m., Wickiup Grange, 92683 Svensen Market Road in Astoria.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

• David Michael Easley, 29, was arrested Tuesday on U.S. Highway 26 for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY
Astoria Design Review Committee, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Sky high at the county fair



Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian

Cousins Stela Flukinger, 7, right, and Cullen Haglund, 8, fly high on the chair swing ride at the Clatsop County Fair, which opened on Tuesday.

Coast Guard cutter seizes record cocaine haul

The Astorian

The Coast Guard cutter Steadfast returned Tuesday after a nearly two-month drug patrol along the West Coast of the Pacific Ocean and a record seizure of cocaine.

The crew of the 210-foot medium endurance cutter intercepted five suspected smuggling boats and seized more than 23,000 pounds of cocaine, a record for a vessel of its size on a single deployment, according to the Coast Guard.

The 154-foot Coast Guard fast-response cutter Robert Ward took in about 3,000 pounds, bringing the value of the drugs seized by the two ships on the deployment to an estimated \$350 million. It was the first drug seizure by a smaller fast-response cutter in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

"This was 26,000 pounds of cocaine that will not make it to the main streets of the (U.S.), and it also gives us the opportunity to make sure we can continue to combat transnational criminal organizations who transport this cocaine deep in the Pacific every single day," Rear Adm. Peter Gautier, the 11th Coast Guard District commander, said in a news release. "Because we know that with a supply chain of illegal narcotics, at every single step there's



Coast Guard photos

Steadfast crew members stand in front of pallets of some of the 23,000 pounds of cocaine they seized while on patrol in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

violence, instability and despair."

The Coast Guard increased U.S. and allied presence in the eastern Pacific and Caribbean Sea, known as drug transit zones off of Central and South America, as part of its Western Hemisphere Strategy. During at-sea interdictions, a suspect vessel is initially detected and monitored by allied, military or law enforcement personnel. The 11th Coast Guard District headquartered in Alameda, California, oversees counter-smuggling operations.



The crew of the Coast Guard cutter Steadfast, homeported in Astoria, intercepted five suspected smuggling vessels, including three skiffs, a fishing vessel and a sailboat, taking in more than 23,000 pounds of cocaine.

A new generation of chiropractors in Astoria

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Astorian

Astoria has a new generation of chiropractors.

Alicia Smith, a Portland transplant with roots in Astoria, took over Astoria Chiropractic in Uppertown from recently retired Barry Sears. Smith joins Camille Beers, a Seaside native who earlier this year opened Youngs Bay Chiropractic at the foot of the South Slope.

Smith originally earned a degree in marketing from Portland State University as a pragmatic way to get a job. But she found a new calling after being badly injured in a car crash in 2002.

"I lost use of half of my right hand, so that was pretty traumatizing," she said. "I had neck pain and headaches and migraines, and someone said you should go to the chiropractor. And when I did, I started getting use of my right hand back."

Smith worked at Discover Chiropractic to dip her toe in the field, went back to Portland State for a bachelor's in human biology and trained as a chiropractor at the University of Western States, a health sciences school in Portland attended by many chiropractors.

"We just came here



Photos by Edward Stratton/The Astorian

LEFT: Alicia Smith recently took over as a provider at Astoria Chiropractic in Uppertown. RIGHT: Camille Beers, a Seaside native, earlier this year opened Youngs Bay Chiropractic near the Old Youngs Bay Bridge.

because there was an opportunity to start a new practice," Sears said of how Astoria Chiropractic started. "Bank of Astoria was willing to loan us some money, it seemed like a good opportunity."

Sears had relocated with his wife, Ann Goldeen, from the Bay Area to open the practice in 1981. Goldeen died of cancer in 2016. When he turned 66, Sears decided to retire and ad-

vised the practice.

Smith saw an opportunity to branch out and be closer to family. Her parents own Gulley's Butcher Shop, and her grandparents own rental company KD Properties. Members of her family have been treated by Sears and Goldeen.

"I'm proud to be stepping into their practice," Smith said.

Smith splits time between Astoria and Bea-

verton, where she still owns part of Discover Chiropractic and is opening another practice. But she hopes to go full time on the Oregon Coast.

Beers, a Seaside High School graduate, recently opened Youngs Bay Chiropractic in a former optometry shop near the Old Youngs Bay Bridge.

"I've been doing body work for quite a while, since my 20s," she said. "It was just the next step in furthering my knowledge of the body and helping it heal."

Like Smith, Beers attended Portland State, earning a bachelor's in Spanish. She planned on going back to school, and eventually into the medical field. After moving to Hawaii, she attended massage school, and later studied structural integration body work in Colorado. She trained as a chiropractor at Western States.

Beers and Smith join newer Warrenton additions Jesse Brockley, a Knappa High School graduate who started Columbia Pacific Chiropractic on Harbor Drive, and Robert James, a Chicago transplant who runs James Chiropractic Spine and Joint Center on Main Avenue.

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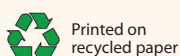
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