

IN BRIEF

Man sentenced to prison for tampering with a witness

A man was sentenced to five years in prison for tampering with a witness.

Paul Keith Remme, 52, pleaded no contest Thursday to two counts.

He was facing 14 charges, including attempted murder, after allegedly stealing a woman's car at her residence in Gearhart in April 2018.

The other charges were dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

Man struck by vehicle in Astoria

A man was struck by a passenger van Saturday night on W. Marine Drive and Bay Street in Astoria.

The driver was traveling between 25 and 30 mph and the man who was hit suffered visible injuries, police said. The man was taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital and later flown to a Portland area hospital.

Witnesses saw the man walk across the street far from the crosswalk, police said.

Fire watch issued for Tuesday

A fire weather watch was issued for Tuesday due to high temperatures, wind and low relative humidity on the North Coast.

Northeast winds are expected to reach 10 to 20 mph, with gusts up to 30 mph. The relative humidity is expected to be 15 to 25%.

Conditions may be favorable for rapid fire spread, officials said. People are asked to use extra caution with potential ignition sources, especially in grassy areas. Outdoor burning is not recommended.

Fire managers have increased the fire danger level to high — or yellow — for people using the forests for recreation.

— The Astorian

MEMORIAL

Friday, Aug. 30

ANDERSON, Daisy "Mae" — Funeral at 4 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1403 S. Wahanna Road in Seaside. Flowers or donations may be sent to 810 13th St., Seaside, OR., 97138.

ON THE RECORD

Assault

• Nicholus Allen Lyons, 37, of Astoria, was arrested Saturday on the 900 block of Harrison Avenue for assault in the fourth degree.

Criminal trespass

• Augustus Mark Grabenhorst, 25, of Astoria, was arrested Saturday under the Astoria Bridge for criminal trespass in the second degree.

Disorderly conduct

• Roman Orlando Thomas, 30, of Warrenton, was cited at the Warrenton Mini Mart on Saturday morning for disorderly conduct in the second degree. Police say he was trying to damage vehicles in the parking lot.

Theft

• Jonathan Walgren, 29, of Gearhart, was arrested Sunday at Walmart for theft in the third degree, criminal trespass in the first degree and criminal mischief in the third degree.

DUII

• Andrew Michael

Arroyo, 19, of Astoria, was arrested Sunday on 16th Street and the Astoria Riverwalk for hit and run, driving under the influence of intoxicants and criminal mischief in the second degree. Police said he crashed into a parked vehicle on 12th Street and Commercial Street, which caused the vehicle to be pushed into the sidewalk in front of Wells Fargo. That vehicle collided with another vehicle, which was pushed into the traffic lane. No one was in the other two vehicles and police said Arroyo fled the scene on foot. His blood alcohol content was 0.18%.

• Erika Esmerelda Gonzalez Martinez, 28, of Astoria, was arrested Saturday on W. Marine Drive near Astoria High School for DUII.

• Christopher Karna, 45, of Astoria, was arrested Friday on U.S. Highway 101 Alternate and S.E. Willow Drive for DUII.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Astoria Library Board, 5:30 p.m., Library Flag Room, Astoria Library, 450 10th St.

Astoria City Council, 5:30 p.m., special session, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., 225 S. Main Ave.

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

WEDNESDAY

Astoria Parks and Recreation Board, 6:45 a.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

THURSDAY

Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St., Astoria.



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A runner in the Hood to Coast Relay gets some encouragement in Seaside.

Teamwork drives success at Hood to Coast

By R.J. MARX
The Astorian

SEASIDE — For the more than 1,000 teams and 19,000 runners and walkers of the Hood to Coast Relay, it was all about teamwork.

The race, which began for many at 5 a.m. Friday, also came with exhilaration, creepy sounds in the woods and aches and pains.

The Speedy Sloths, comprised of employees from Embassy Suites in downtown Portland, had an "amazing walk," according to team member Jesus Moreno, finishing four hours earlier than anticipated.

For members of Soar Feat, representing Hoffman Construction, "It was exhausting but it was good," team member Heidi Walker



R.J. Marx/The Astorian

Members of the Vine Maple Savages cross the finish line of the Hood to Coast Relay in Seaside on Saturday.

said.

One member of the team encountered goosebumps overnight in the woods "I thought someone was watching me," team

member Austin Brand said. "There was howling — probably just barking dogs, shepherd dogs howling. It was kind of spooky in the beginning. But I didn't feel

like I was in any danger. Just in pain. My hips are hurting."

The Vine Maple Savages crossed the finish line on the Seaside beach amid whoops and cheers.

"We are all Nike guys," co-captain Kayla Dahl said shortly after the team's finish. "We actually finished under 22 hours for the first time."

Co-captain Luke Hurst credited teamwork for their achievement. "Every single person added to cutting under our projected time, which was the best one yet," he said. "We love seeing individual runners do that."

Do they practice before the relay?

"To be honest, we just show up and throw down," Hurst said. "I'm not gonna lie."

North Head Lighthouse reopens

By PATRICK WEBB
Chinook Observer

ILWACO, Wash. — The first two families who visited the refurbished North Head Lighthouse on Thursday were proof positive the Ilwaco landmark attracts people from far away.

First to arrive in the warm morning sun were Chris and Steve Chennault from Camano Island, west of Everett, who drove 233 miles.

Next were Dorothy and Bill Crow, who came ever farther — 379 miles — from Wilbur, a farm hamlet in eastern Washington.

Both couples were soon enthusing about what Washington State Parks crews have done to spruce up the lighthouse and its environs.

"This is so beautiful. Look at the job they did on it!" beamed Chris Chennault as she snapped photos of the spectacular ocean view with her miniature Nikon.

"We were just hoping for sunshine today because we wanted to come down here," she said, recalling rain the day before. "This is a beautiful destination for us. We



Patrick Webb/Chinook Observer

The North Head Lighthouse has reopened after repairs.

like to camp we wanted to see both the lighthouses.

"We hope to bring all our 12 grandchildren here," she added. "They live in other states, but it would be wonderful to have everyone come and enjoy the lighthouses together and show them some things that are meaningful to us."

The price tag of about \$2 million has been paid from the state capital budget, plus locally raised funds from the Friends of North Head supporters group, including the proceeds from gift shop

sales as well as donations.

Aaron Webster, interpretive specialist with Washington State Parks, was among those celebrating. "It has been a long time and, having worked here for 16 years, that lighthouse has been due for renovation — big time. Finally, we got all our ducks in a row!"

He commended the Friends of North Head for their efforts to lobby legislators to secure state funding. "A lot of the momentum has come from them," he said. "They have really moved

the project along."

Volunteer host Bob Sargent declared North Head open for tours a little after 11 a.m. Thursday after a quick recitation of the sensible footwear rules and minimum stair-climbing age to the half-dozen families already lined up to climb the tower.

Pride in the facility was evident in his brief presentation. "We are still an active naval-aid light, used by fishing ships and freighters," he declared. "They still rely on this light."

For periods during the past four years, the state-owned lighthouse has been closed for the significant repairs.

Sargent noted that the U.S. Coast Guard removed some of the original windows in the tower in the 1960s. These have been put back using modern replica wavy-style safety glass manufactured by a Midwest company.

The reopening was delayed, in part, because the building didn't exactly match original plans, Sargent said. The all-brick building has a stucco coating.

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