

## IN BRIEF

## Health advisories lifted for several beaches on Oregon Coast

Public health advisories were lifted Friday for contact with ocean water at Beverly Beach, Agate Beach and Seal Rock State Park Beach in Lincoln County, as well as Neskowin Beach and Rockaway Beach in Tillamook County.

The Oregon Health Authority issued the advisories on Tuesday and Wednesday after water samples showed higher-than-normal levels of fecal bacteria.

Contact with the water no longer poses a higher-than-normal risk, but officials recommend staying out of large pools on the beach that are frequented by birds, and runoff from those pools, because the water may contain increased bacteria from fecal matter.

## Astoria Library closed Monday

The Astoria Library will close on Monday for system maintenance in preparation for sharing library catalogs with Seaside and Warrenton.

The collaboration will make it easier for library users to borrow items from those locations.

## AAUW holds panel presentation for girls at library

The Astoria branch of the American Association of University Women will hold a panel presentation on the importance of the sciences to women and girls.

The event is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Flag Room of the Astoria Library.

Middle school panelists Soleil Rathmell-Stokes and Keria Long will recount their recent experiences at a summer Tech Trek camp for girls. Astoria High School senior Rowan Fay will talk about her work to form a robotics club. Educator and librarian Libby Lawrence will discuss the importance of a science-oriented curriculum for girls and the careers open to them.

— *The Astorian*

## Port of Kalama approves dredge disposal site purchase

KALAMA, Wash. — Port of Kalama commissioners Wednesday approved a 20-year agreement with four other ports to purchase an easement for a dredge disposal site on Puget Island.

The ports of Portland, Vancouver and Longview chipped in on the \$703,000 purchase, and the Port of Woodland is also involved in the channel project.

Providing sites for the dredge material is one of the ports' responsibilities as part of the Columbia River channel maintenance work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

— *The Daily News*

## DEATHS

Sept. 12, 2019

OLSON, Barbara, 94, of Nehalem, died in Nehalem.

MOORE, Dolores, 89, of Seaside, died in Seaside.

Sept. 11, 2019

KALLIO, Sisko V., 103, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## CORRECTIONS

**Wrong title** — Cheryl Storey is the former president of the Mill Pond Homeowners Association. She was incorrectly described as the president in an A1 story on Thursday.

**Wrong date** — The Community Health Festival in Ilwaco, Washington, is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 21. The date was incorrect on page 22 of the Thursday issue of Coast Weekend.

## ON THE RECORD

## DUII

Jordan Moore, 21, of Hillsboro, was arrested Wednesday for driving under the influence of intoxicants on N. Main Avenue and N.W. First Street in Warrenton. His blood alcohol content was 0.16%.

## Eluding police

Kristina Ann Wilson, 33, of Longview, Washington, was arrested Wednesday off of U.S. Highway 101 in Warrenton for two charges of attempting to elude a police officer.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

## MONDAY

**Jewell School Board,** 6 p.m., Jewell School Library, 83874 Oregon Highway 103.

## TUESDAY

**Port of Astoria Commission,** 4 p.m., Port offices, 10 Pier 1 Suite 209.

**Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission,** 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

**Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Board of Directors,** 5:15 p.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.

**Seaside School District Board of Directors,** 7 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin.

**Shoreline Sanitary District Board,** 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.

## 'Short Circuit' house for sale in Astoria

Writer showed some interest on Twitter

By JANET EASTMAN  
*The Oregonian*

Long before Alexa invaded homes, a likable robot yearning for human input arrived at a remote Victorian-era farmhouse in Astoria and was adopted by an animal-loving Ally Sheedy. The robot changed its name to Johnny 5 and earned box office gold starring in "Short Circuit" in 1986.

Pop culture writer Sean O'Neal, who prefers the sequel, was checking his Instagram feed Monday when an alert on Then & Now Reshoots stopped him from swiping forward: The property where much of the original "Short Circuit" was shot was for sale. He recognized it all: The house with a wide deck and views of the Columbia River and steel truss Astoria Bridge.

Marketing materials for the fifth-acre property listed at \$344,900 by Bill Fornas of Pete Anderson Realty states: "Here's your chance to own a piece of Astoria's rich movie history!"

O'Neal, who was the editor in chief of the A.V. Club online entertainment newspaper, dug deeper and found a video that cleverly rolls footage of the old film above present-day environments.



Realtor.com

The house featured in the movie 'Short Circuit' is for sale.

Then the Austin resident teased his 13,300 Twitter followers with a crazy idea: "Some personal news: I'm moving to Oregon to become caretaker of the Short Circuit house."

O'Neal dreamed of creating a museum. "Over time, I'll acquire original props and memorabilia and turn it into a Short Circuit museum. My family and I will all live in the back room and tend to tour groups during the day. It will be a fine life."

It wouldn't be the first time a movie fan has remade a film set. Amber Neufeld restored the St. Helens clapboard two-story that stood as Bella Swan's home in the vampire romance "Twilight"

series. Neufeld says it's surreal to "sit where Charlie Swan sat or sleep where Bella Swan slept."

Clearly with time on his hands, O'Neal posted real estate photos and reminisced about "Short Circuit" dialogue such as "nice software" that has stayed with him over the years. He proclaimed: "We will find joy in the work."

But his hopes were tossed away by his spouse: "UPDATE: it seems my wife is not that big a fan of Short Circuit."

Which prompted Justin Doty as @PdxCowbell to reply: "Johnny 5 is alive. But this marriage? It's dead."

O'Neal's flurry of four

Tweets ended.

During the silence, The Oregonian reached out to O'Neal to learn more.

His response: "Like any '80s kid who grew up with HBO, I've probably seen 'Short Circuit' a dozen or so times in lieu of fresh air and exercise. I believe I saw both it and 'Short Circuit 2' in the theaters. The sequel is arguably the superior film, but I don't think anyone is selling 'the streets of Toronto.' Were we visiting Astoria, and I'd already hit all the Goonies locations, I would absolutely drag my wife and kids to see the 'Short Circuit' house."

We'll be watching, @seanoneal.

## Cowlitz County affirms methanol plant

Move follows environmental study

By RYAN HAAS and MOLLY SOLOMON  
*Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Cowlitz County officials sent a letter Wednesday affirming their decision to approve permits for what would be the nation's largest natural gas-to-methanol refinery.

The decision followed an Aug. 30 environmental impact study by the Port of

Kalama that determined the proposed southwest Washington state facility would help reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by at least 10 million metric tons per year. The company behind the project has said that's roughly the equivalent of taking more than 2 million cars off the road.

"The document contained a thorough evaluation of the full life cycle of GHG emissions from the proposed facility," wrote E. Elaine Placido, Cowlitz County's director of community

services.

Placido wrote that the county does not see any "significant unavoidable adverse impacts" with the project and reaffirms its decision to grant shoreline permits for the proposed facility.

The Washington State Department of Ecology has 30 days to approve or deny those permits, or request additional information from the company.

Local environmentalists denounced the county's decision and reaffirmed their opposition to the environ-

mental impact study by Life Cycle Associates, a California-based company NW Innovation Works hired to complete the analysis.

"The Department of Ecology has a really big decision to make," Columbia Riverkeeper conservation director Dan Serres said. "It's clear to us that this project directly conflicts with the state's goals for reducing greenhouse gas pollution, for protecting the shorelines and for producing an analysis that's even in the realm of accurate."

## Clatsop Community Action begins search for new director

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
*The Astorian*

Clatsop Community Action is seeking candidates for executive director.

The job will be posted this week and the nonprofit's board of directors hopes to fill the position soon, Sarah Brown, the board president, announced Thursday.

Clatsop Community Action provides critical social service programs for the North Coast, including food and housing assistance. The executive director oversees the regional food bank, as well.

Former director Elaine Bruce resigned abruptly in June. No reason was given for her departure. Deputy Director Viviana Matthews has filled in as interim executive director.

"It was very much an internal decision," Brown said of Bruce's resignation.



Katie Frankowicz/The Astorian

The regional food bank is a critical resource for people in need.

"It wasn't pressure."

Matthews is a front-runner for the job if she wants to apply, but the board will be looking at other candidates, too, Brown said.

The new executive director will continue to oversee both the social service programs and the regional food bank.

In prior years, the non-

profit had employed two directors, one to oversee the food bank and another to manage other programs. But the nonprofit shifted to an executive director model ahead of former food bank director Marlin Martin's retirement in 2018.

This transition was in process under Bruce's leadership "and it just wasn't hap-

pening," Brown said. "It was not anybody's fault ... It just wasn't a smooth transition."

After Bruce resigned, the board considered switching back to a model that involved two directors, but decided to stick with an executive director model.

Clatsop Community Action has several significant funding opportunities coming up and the board will be looking for someone with strong leadership skills who can engage the community, Brown said.

With Matthews as interim executive director, "the nonprofit is under really good leadership currently," she said.

For fiscal year 2018-19, Clatsop Community Action helped 11,960 people with housing and energy assistance and through the nonprofit's personal care pantry and information and referral services, according to the nonprofit.

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