

## IN BRIEF



Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian

**The Odd Fellows Building in Astoria.**

## Odd Fellows Building wins national historic preservation grant

The owners of the Odd Fellows Building in Astoria have won a \$150,000 historic preservation grant to weatherproof and paint the exterior.

The building was one of 13 winners in the National Trust for Historic Preservation's competitive Partners in Preservation: Main Streets grant program receiving a combined \$1.8 million. Supporters cast more than 1 million votes for the various projects. Astoria's entrant ended up third with more than 90,000 votes.

"It speaks to how small towns, and Astoria in particular, how when they come together, they really make things happen," said Jessamyn West, executive director of the nonprofit Astoria Arts and Movement Center on the second floor of the building, who also serves on the City Council.

West, Andrea Mazzarella and her mother, Nancy Mazzarella-Tisch, purchased the building last year. It houses the dance and fitness studio, along with a black box theater, artists' studios, a local gift store, apothecary and coffee shop.

The grant is part of a four-phase improvement plan for the building over the next five years, West said. The first project was soundproofing between the building's two stories. The grant will help replace the Italianate windows around the second floor, weatherproof the stucco facade and paint the building. The third phase will address interior work and a new roof. The fourth will address the basement, sidewalk and handicap accessibility.

The grant can be used to demonstrate momentum and as matching funds for larger pots of money, West said. The hope is to have the weatherization, window repair and painting done in the next year, she said.

## Coast Guard cutter Alert returns after seizing cocaine on patrol

The U.S. Coast Guard cutter Alert crew returned to Astoria after a 65-day, 10,700-nautical-mile patrol in which they seized nearly 4,000 pounds of cocaine worth approximately \$54 million.

The seizure took place in the international waters of the Eastern Pacific Ocean. They also detained six suspected drug smugglers.

The Alert was joined by three Mexican naval officers during the patrol to learn from each other and build cohesion.

— *The Astorian*

## DEATH

**Oct. 27, 2019**

CLARK, Solveig Dorothy, 95, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## MEMORIAL

**Monday, Nov. 4**

HAWKINS, Kevin Dean Sr. — Celebration of life at 4 p.m., Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 92937 Wal-luski Loop.

## ON THE RECORD

### Assault

• William Timothy Sperling, 41, of Seaside, was arrested Monday on Red Bluff Road for assault in the fourth degree.

### DUII

• Michael Ludwig Owens, 51, of Longview, Washington, was arrested Monday on W. Marine Drive in Astoria for driv-

ing under the influence of intoxicants.

### Weapons charges

• Douglas Grant Dickerson, 65, of Clatskanie, was indicted Tuesday on three counts of unlawful use of a weapon, felon in possession of a firearm, driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**THURSDAY**

**Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee**, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St., Astoria.

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# BREAKING THROUGH



Jane Winckler Webb

**U.S. Coast Guard personnel at Station Cape Disappointment are famous for taking on the wild surf at the mouth of the Columbia River. This lifeboat crew found energetic waves to surmount during exercises in the crisp, sunny weather earlier this week.**

# An egg-venture in Long Beach

## Grandson helps tend to hens

By **ASHLEY NERBOVIG**  
*Chinook Observer*

LONG BEACH, Wash. — People hunting for fresh eggs on the Long Beach Peninsula might consider becoming customers of 7-year-old Peyton Haskin and his 73-year-old business partner, Rick Haug.

The two sell eggs out of a small box on the edge of Haug's property. Haug made a large upfront investment in the business, but sees his grandson's enjoyment as a healthy return.

And getting up in the morning to care for the animals is good for him, as well.

"When you have these animals, it forces you to do something," Haug said.

For Haskin, the eggs getting scrambled is a reward in itself.

Every morning, Haskin and Haug go down to the chicken coop together. At this point, Haskin knows better than to poke his head into a cubby with a hen still inside.

Hens have flown right into his face before, Haug said.

Instead, Haskin used some gentle incentive, sweeping at the bird with his cowboy hat.

"Please get out chicken," he said. "Or you'll get the hat."

Clad in red boots and a red flannel shirt, Haskin looked sharp in the early morning sun.

After he gathered his eggs, Haug hurried him along, reminding him they'd have to get the eggs cleaned and boxed before Haskin headed to school.

The 104 Red Star hens lay an egg a day on average. Any egg more than 2.55 ounces is considered jumbo. The rest are large eggs. A dozen jumbo eggs is \$5 and a dozen



Photos by Luke Whittaker/Chinook Observer

**Peyton Haskin collects eggs inside the chicken coop.**



**Fresh eggs are for sale off Sandridge Road in Long Beach.**

large is \$4.

Red Stars are a hybrid breed that Haug discovered years ago. They are a little more expensive than hens he bought in the past, but they are worth it, Haug said.

"If you buy birds from a company and your birds don't get sick, that means a lot," Haug said.

The two weigh each egg and Haskin boxes them. The money from the egg

sales will go into a fund for Haskin, either for college or for something else in the future. Haug doesn't want to shove his grandkids any one way.

But the work isn't really about the money for either of them. Haskin's mom, Katie Metzger, said her son loves animals. And Haug loves Haskin, she said.

"He's a grandpa's boy, through and through,"

Metzger said. "Him and Peyton are as close as they come."

Metzger wants to get Haskin signed up for 4-H once he's 8 years old. Metzger grew up in Kansas, where she and her siblings were involved with 4-H and Future Farmers of America from a young age. And Haug sees those programs as an invaluable part of a child's education. The ability to stand up in front of peers and present something is an important life skill, Haug said.

In addition to the 104 Red Star hens and the quails, the property is home to cows, mules, horses, pigs, ducks and four kittens. The quail eggs are for sale, \$7 for a dozen and \$12 for two dozen.

People interested in buying eggs should look for a yellow sign with the words "Got Eggs?" at 156th Street and Sandridge Road.

If the hens are molting, Haug will put out a sign to let people know.

"They're not laying eggs, and I can't make any."

# Matthews named new director of Clatsop Community Action

By **NICOLE BALES**  
*The Astorian*

Clatsop Community Action has named Viviana Matthews, the agency's deputy director, as the new executive director.

Matthews was appointed interim executive director after Elaine Bruce resigned in June.

"We remain committed to the mission of CCA

to help people meet housing, food and other basic living needs," Sarah LaCoste-Brown, the board president, said in a statement.

"After a productive interview process, Viviana was an excellent choice. She has been with the agency since 2011 and has provided incredible change and leadership in all areas during her tenure."

Matthews began volun-

teering for the agency in 2009 for Project Homeless Connect and has continued to expand the program.

She was hired in 2011 and promoted to deputy director in April 2016.

Matthews has worked with Providence Seaside Hospital and the Providence Community Health Division to create the community resource desk located inside the hospital's lobby, which aims to improve access to resources for housing, food and basic living needs.


The pilot project has been used as a model throughout the state.

Under her leadership, Clatsop Community Action has obtained four additional housing programs and is launching a new social determinants program targeting food-focused care management, LaCoste-Brown said.

Matthews will oversee all of the agency's social service programs, including the regional food bank and Hill-top Apartments.

"It's a privilege to represent CCA in Clatsop County and work alongside CCA staff and its board members for the better of our community," Matthews said in an email.

## GAME MEAT PROCESSING



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