

IN BRIEF

Pursuit in Seaside leads to arrest of juveniles

Four juveniles were arrested Monday night after a crash following a vehicle pursuit in Seaside. The juveniles, who range in age from 14 to 17, were wanted in connection to a home invasion and robbery in Vancouver, Washington, according to Sgt. Brent Waddell, of the Clark County Sheriff's Office. The juveniles allegedly stabbed a 66-year-old man after invading his home. Officials say they stole the man's wallet, cellphone and vehicle and then drove the stolen vehicle to Seaside. The victim is in critical condition after sustaining life-threatening injuries. The investigation is ongoing. One of the juveniles sustained minor injuries in the crash. Clatsop County Sheriff's Office deputies, Seaside police, Cannon Beach police, Gearhart police and the Oregon State Police were involved in the pursuit and arrests.

Hazardous high wind conditions for North Coast

A high wind watch will be in effect for the North Coast through Friday morning near beaches and headlands. Winds are expected to reach 30 to 40 mph with gusts up to 60 mph near beaches and headlands. The winds can blow down trees and power lines. People are advised to fasten loose objects or shelter objects in a safe location prior to the onset of winds. Widespread power outages are possible and travel may be difficult.

Farmhouse will burn on fairgrounds

The Clatsop County Fair Board has decided to donate a farmhouse on the grounds to the Oregon State Fire Marshal for firefighter training. The fair board has looked at several options over the years to restore the house, but none of the options have panned out. The fair board agreed not to spend any more money on the house. The fire marshal is scheduled to begin burning the farmhouse in January.

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DEATH

Dec. 16, 2019

ADAMS, Mark E., 54, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

Sunday, Dec. 22

DORNING, Doreen Lynn — Celebration of life at 1:30 p.m., Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St., Warrenton. The doors open at 1 p.m.

BIRTH

Dec. 14, 2019

BAY, Shelby and Stephen, of Warrenton, a girl, Paisley Jane Bay, born at Providence Seaside Hospital. Older siblings are Bradley and Wesley Bay. Grandparents are James Beatty and Angela Beatty, of Astoria, and Dennis Bay and Joanne Bay, of Rosburg, Washington. Great-grandparents are Anita Shirts, of Nehalem, and JoAnne Bay, of Astoria.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

• Brandon Glenn Davidson, 31, was arrested Tuesday on U.S. Highway 30 for driving under the influence of intoxicants. His blood alcohol content was 0.21%. •Krystal Lynn Bowen, 34, of Gresham, was

indicted Wednesday for unlawful possession of methamphetamine, DUII, reckless driving, two counts of fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, nine counts of recklessly endangering another person and reckless endangerment of highway workers.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY Seaside Transportation Advisory Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broad-	way. Seaside School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin.
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Rally for impeachment



Photos by Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian

Indivisible North Coast Oregon organized the rally as the U.S. House of Representatives scheduled an impeachment vote.



ABOVE: Kristen Nekovar and her child, Sloane, attend the impeachment rally on Marine Drive with a hand-drawn sign. LEFT: Jean Hooze participates in a rally on Tuesday afternoon in Astoria supporting the impeachment of President Donald Trump. Over 150 people lined Marine Drive and waved at passing cars. The rally was one of hundreds in cities across the United States.

Seaside again takes Shilo Inn to court over taxes

By R.J. MARX
The Astorian

SEASIDE — The city took action against Shilo Inn this month in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

The city is seeking almost \$150,000 in unpaid lodging taxes for the quarter ending in September, with an additional 25% penalty of more than \$37,000.

Taxes from the period were due Oct. 15.

“I’ve dealt with (Shilo Inn owner) Mark Hemstreet for years,” City Attorney Dan Van Thiel said. “I don’t understand him. This has got to be the most expensive money in the world to fool around like this. But it’s his money, not mine.”

Representatives of Shilo Inn did not respond to requests for comment.

The lawsuit covers taxes on \$1.7 million in room rental revenue.

According to the complaint, Shilo Inn “continues



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Seaside is seeking back taxes from Shilo Inn.

to withhold the payment of these taxes, notwithstanding numerous demands” by the city.

In June, the city sued Shilo Inn for more than \$45,000 in lodging taxes for the period ending in April. With penalties and interest, the total sought was more than \$58,000.

That suit was closed in October after Shilo Inn paid the taxes and the penalty.

In 2016, Seaside sued the

company for delinquent taxes of more than \$112,500. Shilo Inn paid out almost \$146,000 in back taxes and penalties.

Earlier this year, Warrenton sued Shilo Inn after more than \$130,000 in lodging taxes, penalties and accrued interest went unpaid.

Warrenton settled its case against Shilo Inn in August.

“When you see people doing this, it’s because they’re utilizing the city’s money,”

Van Thiel said. “This is not their money. This is what is an irritation to me. As I represent in the complaint, that’s what we categorize as a ‘fiduciary.’ They collect it, but they’re using our money.”

Seaside’s Shilo Inn is not the only Shilo property that goes into delinquency, Van Thiel added. “This is a recurring problem,” he said.

Seaside could eventually profit from the delinquency, Van Thiel said.

“If you have to pay us \$147,000 and you don’t pay us and then you’ve got to pay us another \$37,000-plus because you didn’t pay us on time, that’s a good deal for the city. I sue them periodically and I keep on telling them, ‘I don’t understand why you do this. It doesn’t make sense to me.’”

Van Thiel said he expected the case to be resolved quickly.

“I think it will be settled, and it will be settled before long,” he said.

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