

IN BRIEF

Pedestrian hit by vehicle in Warrenton

A homeless man on a bicycle was hit by a vehicle Wednesday afternoon while crossing a crosswalk on S.W. Main Court and S.W. Second Street in Warrenton.

Police say the man refused medical treatment. The driver was not cited.

Marijuana product sold near Seaside recalled

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has recalled a marijuana product, some of it sold at a Seaside marijuana store, for potentially unsafe levels of pesticides.

The recall affects Winberry Farms Sweet Leaf Blend, a package of prerolled joints using the marijuana strain Trap Star. The product, cultivated by producer Ard Ri and packaged by wholesaler DYME Distribution, was sold Dec. 17 through Jan. 8 at several marijuana stores statewide, including Tsunami Marijuana on U.S. Highway 26 east of Seaside.

The strain of marijuana failed a pesticide test because it exceeded the acceptable level for the insecticide Imidacloprid. The state detected the discrepancy during a monthly audit on products that have failed pesticide tests at the point of origin, in this case the marijuana flower.

The state recommends disposing of the products or returning them to the retailer where they were purchased. There have been no reports of illness. The health impacts of consuming marijuana with unapproved pesticide residues is unknown.

Clamming opens on the North Coast

The recreational razor clam harvest is open along the North Coast.

The state said recent samples show the marine biotoxin domoic acid has dropped below the closure limit.

Clamming remains closed from Tillamook Head to the California border for elevated levels of domoic acid.

Women's march planned for Astoria

Indivisible North Coast Oregon is hosting March to Win on Saturday afternoon in downtown Astoria.

The march is scheduled the same day as other women's marches throughout the country. People will begin marching at 3 p.m. from Heritage Square.

Weather closes Knappa schools

Schools in Knappa were closed on Friday due to icy weather.

The school district initially announced a two and three-hour delay to the start of classes before making the decision to close.

— *The Astorian*

BIRTH

Jan. 3, 2020

HORD, Allison and Daniel, of Astoria, a girl, Sabrina Joy Hord, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are John and Deanna Hord, of Astoria, and Gerald and Renee Hankins, of Kent, Washington.

CORRECTION

Type of support incorrect — U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici called the chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities in support of a grant application by the Astoria Oregon Public Library Foundation. An A1 story Thursday incorrectly said she wrote a letter in support.

ON THE RECORD

Disorderly conduct
• Andrew Miller, 37, of Seaside, was arrested Thursday on S. Columbia Street in Seaside for disorderly conduct.

Drug possession
• Joshua Anthony Redburn, 30, of Astoria, was arrested Thursday on Koppisch Road and

Hillcrest Loop Road for unlawful possession of heroin.

DUII

• Bonnie Dasse, 68, of Seaside, was arrested Thursday on N. Holladay Drive in Seaside for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Union Health District of Clatsop County, 8 a.m., Providence Seaside Hospital ED Center, Room B.

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

Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

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

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

Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., work session, 989 Broadway.

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BOW SIDE PICKUP



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Jennifer Brann stands on the bow of the Miss Molly as they approach a cargo ship on the Columbia River on Thursday morning to pick up workers from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Cargo Bureau after completing ship inspections. Kiwi's Water Taxi is owned and operated by Jennifer and Alan 'Kiwi' Brann.

Recovery clubhouse coming to Long Beach

By ALYSSA EVANS
Chinook Observer

LONG BEACH, Wash. — A recovery café clubhouse will be open to the community later this year.

Willapa Behavioral Health is the new renter of the former Blue Dolphin Center off Pacific Avenue North. The organization plans to open a café and move most of its staff offices to the building.

"It'll be a new facility that works for patients," said Adam Marquis, the CEO of Willapa Behavioral Health. "It'll be a one-stop shop."

The Blue Dolphin Center, a thrift store, closed in

late 2018 after 13 years of business. Louise Krause, the owner, ran the store with help from family members, such as her daughter, Vickie Beamguard, and granddaughter, Tina Leeper.

During its tenure, the shop was known as a place where visitors could find one-of-a-kind items.

Krause sold the building to Taylor-Russell Properties of Ocean Park in January 2019. In May, Krause passed away at age 85. Weeks later, the City Council approved a request to open a mixed martial arts studio in the building.

The proposal came from Ira Evansen, who owns Valhalla Combat in Gearhart.

Despite the building being renovated around the time Evansen's proposal was approved, the mixed martial arts studio never opened.

Willapa Behavioral Health intends to complete two phases of renovations to the building. Through the first phase, the organization will close its two Ocean Park offices, and one of its Long Beach offices. The offices will be divided between the organization's main location at 2204 Pacific Avenue and the new building.

The organization hopes to finish the first phase by June, Marquis said. Phase two's deadline will depend on when the first phase is

finished.

The second phase will include the opening of the recovery café clubhouse.

"Our focus is serving everybody and following best practices," Marquis said. "At the root of addiction is a lack of meaningful connection with people. That's what we're trying to create with the clubhouse."

In the new building, Willapa Behavioral Health will offer GED classes and programs like Alcoholics Anonymous.

"Our gift to the community is that recovery meetings can be held there," Marquis said. "We'll serve patients hand in hand."

Washington state counties join lawsuit over murrelet plan

By MALLORY GRUBEN
The Daily News

LONGVIEW, Wash. — Pacific County, Wahkiakum County and the Naselle-Grays River School District have joined a lawsuit against the Washington Department of Natural Resources to challenge the agency's conservation plan for the marbled murrelet, a small, threatened seabird.

The complaint, filed in Skagit County Superior Court earlier this month, alleges that the plan conflicts with the department's duty to manage state trust lands to harvest timber at sustainable levels for trust beneficiaries, which include counties, public schools, fire departments, libraries and other public entities.

Trust beneficiaries rely on timber revenue to fund public services. But rural counties like Wahkiakum County could lose more than 20% of operating revenue under the conservation plan, according to a news release by the American Forest Resources Council.

The conservation plan, adopted in December, sets aside about 272,000 acres of Department of Natural Resources land for bird habitat, meaning timber in that area can't be harvested. However, the plan also frees up about 100,000 acres for harvest where such activity was previously prohibited.

Environmentalists said it fell "enough short" of preserving enough habitat to save the bird, but forest council and other plaintiffs in the suit expect timber harvest to decrease by 85 million board feet over the next several years under the plan, causing an annual loss of nearly \$30 million in potential revenue and the loss of 935 jobs.

"Wahkiakum County is participating in this effort to hold the Department of Natural Resources accountable," Wahkiakum County



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The state Department of Natural Resources' conservation plan for the marbled murrelet, a small seabird listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act, is the focus of a lawsuit.

Commissioner Dan Cothren said in a statement. "Bottom line our county is still losing around \$1 million per year in revenue because of marbled murrelet long-term conservation strategy."

Cothren told The Daily News in September that the county had to cut staff by about 30% under an interim murrelet plan. And "not even a fraction" of the 100,000 acres that would be freed for harvest under the new plan are located in his county.

Wahkiakum County and the forest council are working on the suit alongside the Concrete School District, Quillayute Valley School District, Naselle-Grays River School District, Clallam County Fire District Number 4, Pacific County, Skamania County, Mason County and Forks. The suit also names the state Board of Natural Resources as a defendant.

The marbled murrelet is a plump bird that spends most of its life at sea. It travels about 55 miles inland to lay one egg per year in old growth trees.

The plaintiffs argue that much of the land set aside for the bird will never become habitat for murrelets, and the plan overlooks the conservation benefit of tens of thousands of acres of habitat already set aside under the interim plan.

The lawsuit also alleges that the Department of Natural Resources "failed to conduct systematic, on-the-ground inventories of its trust lands, instead using inaccurate data and a flawed model intended to support specific policy choices at the expense of trust beneficiaries," the forest council wrote in a news release.

The bird was listed as a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act in 1992. Five years later, Washington state released an interim plan to protect the bird.

Murrelet populations continued to decline 3.9% annually between 2001 and 2016 largely due to habitat loss, and the Department of Natural Resources estimates about 6,000 murrelets are left in the state.

Offices close for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, all federal, state, county and city offices and services, including Astoria, Warrenton, Gearhart, Seaside and Cannon Beach city halls, are closed. All U.S. post offices are closed, and there is no mail delivery.

Astoria, Jewell, Knappa, Warrenton/Hammond and Seaside (including Cannon Beach and Gearhart) school district schools, and Clatsop Community College, are closed.

The Astoria Library, Seaside Library and Warrenton Library are closed.

The Port of Astoria administrative offices are closed.

Garbage collection through Recology Western Oregon and the city of Warrenton garbage collection are not affected by the holiday. Recology Western Oregon's transfer station is open.

The Sunset Pool in Seaside is open. The Astoria Aquatic Center is open.

The Oregon Film Museum and Flavel House are open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the Carriage House is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Clatsop County Heritage Museum and Uppertown Firefighters' Museum are closed.

Lil' Sprouts is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Fort Clatsop is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Columbia River Maritime Museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Seaside Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunset Empire Transportation ("The Bus") is running.

The Astorian offices are open.