

## IN BRIEF

## Bicyclist injured in Astoria crash

A bicyclist was injured on Feb. 28 after being struck by a vehicle on Eighth and Exchange streets in Astoria.

The driver reportedly did not see the bicyclist.

The bicyclist was taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital.

## Local police officers graduate from Basic Police Class

Madyson Hanna and Dylan McCoy from the Warrenton Police Department and Jenny Thompson-Kiefer from the Cannon Beach Police Department will graduate next week from Basic Police Class.

The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training's 16-week class includes dozens of training areas, including survival skills, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity, problem-solving, community policing, elder abuse and drug recognition.

The graduation will be held at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem on March 13 at 11 a.m.

— *The Astorian*

## Oregon's jobless rate hits another historic low

Oregon's unemployment rate has been playing limbo for the past several months and set another historic low in January of just 3.3%.

The Oregon Employment Department revised prior figures downward to 3.4% for the last three months of 2019, so this is the first time the state's unemployment rate has been consistently below 4% since economists began using current methodology in 1976.

Transportation, warehousing and utilities work grew fastest in the past 12 months, expanding by 3.6%. Information jobs expanded by 3.5%, primarily due to growth in Oregon's software sector.

Growth in construction work ground to a halt during 2019, though, while manufacturing shed 3,200 jobs amid the trade war with China.

— *The Oregonian*

## DEATHS

March 3, 2020

COVEY, Arnetta Francis, 93, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

TETLOW, John Z., 49, of Carmichael, Cali-

fornia, formerly of Astoria, died in Carmichael. Simple Traditions Inc. in Carmichael is in charge of the arrangements.

Dec. 18, 2019

WALBRAN, Adaline D., 91, of Tigard, formerly of Astoria, died in Tigard.

## BIRTH

Feb. 15, 2020

BANHAM, Devan and Amos, of Astoria, a girl, Zion Kathryn Banham, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Rod and Lori Blohm, of Palmer, Alaska, and Joel and Deborah Banham, of Plains, Montana.

## ON THE RECORD

## Attempted murder

William Frank Satterwhite, 37, of Astoria, was indicted Thursday for attempted murder, two counts of assault in the second degree, robbery in the first degree, kidnapping in the first degree, coercion, tampering with physical evi-

dence, recklessly endangering another person and two counts of menacing constituting domestic violence.

## Menacing

Timothy Everett Woodward, 34, of Warrenton, was arrested Wednesday at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria for menacing.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

## MONDAY

**Cannon Beach Rural Fire Department Board**, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188 Sunset Ave.

**Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board**, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

**Seaside City Council**, 7 p.m., 989 Broadway.

## TUESDAY

**Clatsop County Planning Commission**, 10 a.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

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

**Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board**, 6 p.m., main fire station, 34571 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

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## SHIPWRECKED

With two large excavators, Coastal Towing and Salvage began to dig a boat out of the sand at Arcadia Beach on Thursday afternoon. The boat washed ashore after it was abandoned over the weekend when the two owners and their dog were rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard after facing rough seas.

Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian



## Session: Executive order could prompt lawsuit

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Courtney, never one to hide his feelings, was characteristically blunt.

"This is a failed short session," he said. "I cannot believe that. It's a failed short session because 11 elected officials who are state senators would not come do their job."

Courtney's remarks were part eulogy for what he views as the damaged institution of the Legislature, saying that it has been harmed by repeated walkouts by Republicans.

## Financial impact

Due to the stalemate, Oregonians from one side of the state to the other won't receive money that would have been appropriated from the Legislature.

There will be no \$120 million to provide more shelter and affordable housing for the 10,000 Oregonians struggling with homelessness, no \$78 million to cover costs at the troubled state Department of Forestry and start new projects to mitigate wildfire. There will be no \$50 million for local parole and probation offices, centers for abused children, and additional judges for Deschutes and Douglas counties.

Republicans agreed some of the spending was vital.

House Republican Leader Christine Drazan, in a video posted to Twitter, noted that Courtney and Kotek identified spending that was "most critical to pass" and that Republicans reviewed that

list.

"We agree," Drazan, R-Canby, said in the video.

Courtney and Kotek say they want a special session to get critical legislation done. Courtney said that wouldn't happen for at least 30 days, and if it does, legislators have \$1 billion in general fund dollars to make the adjustments they weren't able to complete during this session.

"Some bills can wait till next session," Kotek told reporters. "Some will have to get done in a special session. And we definitely have to get back to the budgets. So we are committed to transparency and process," which she said was not possible given the timelines that Republicans suggested by coming back on Sunday.

Under the state's constitution, lawmakers must officially adjourn by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday.

With the Legislature now functionally over, lawmakers have a modest pot of money to use for the state's most urgent needs — approximately \$75 million in an emergency reserve fund.

The Emergency Board, a panel of legislators empowered to distribute money when the Legislature isn't in session, will distribute that money.

Kotek and Courtney said they would convene the board Monday. That's how lawmakers plan to allocate \$12 million to help victims of recent flooding in the Umatilla basin.

Under Oregon law, the

Legislature can call itself into special session when a majority of members in each chamber "has cause to believe an emergency exists."

Brown said she was open to summoning legislators back to town, but only if leaders brought her "a plan for a functioning session."

"I am open to calling a special session if we can ensure it will benefit Oregonians," Brown, a Democrat, said in a written statement. "However, until legislative leaders bring me a plan for a functioning session I'm not going to waste taxpayer dollars on calling them back to the state Capitol."

The governor is now exploring using executive power to enact limits on greenhouse gas emissions.

"I have always been clear that a legislative solution was my preferred path to tackle the impacts of climate change for the resources it would bring to our rural communities and the flexibility it would provide for our businesses," Brown said in a written statement. "However, I will not back down. In the coming days, I will be taking executive action to lower our greenhouse gas emissions."

## 'It's crazy'

Republican leaders agreed that the session was a failure and also pointed to how Democrats staged a walkout in 2001. But they blamed Democrats for the dysfunctional environment and accused them of abusing

their supermajorities and not compromising over cap and trade.

As Democratic leaders held a press conference in the harshly lit press room in the bowels of the Capitol, Senate Republican Leader Herman Baertschiger Jr., R-Grants Pass, spoke to reporters through video chat.

He didn't say where he was, but a picture of ducks flying over a pond hung on the wall behind him.

Baertschiger said Republicans called for budget adjustments to be approved earlier in the session in case of a walkout over the greenhouse gas reduction bill. He reiterated that all along that Republicans just wanted the bill referred to a vote of the people.


"It's crazy," he said. "It's crazy. It's absolutely crazy."


Baertschiger was dismissive about an executive order from the governor's office, saying such an act would prompt an immediate lawsuit.

Drazan said that denying quorum remains an important tool to ensure that the minority party's voices are heard. While she said she didn't consider the session's end a victory, she said her caucus would stand by its decision.

"When it comes down to it, we are going to live with it because that's what leadership looks like," she said.

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## UnWined

An intimate wine tasting event previewing wine that will be available at the 2020 Astoria Warrenton Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival.

**\$40 ticket includes:**


- 10 wine tastes
- 2020 tasting glass
- live music
- appetizers
- access to 140+ wines and more!

**Tickets available at the Chamber office or [oldoregon.com](http://oldoregon.com).**

### Saturday, March 7


This event is held in downtown Astoria at the Liberty Theatre's McTavish Room and Paulson Pavilion.


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