

## IN BRIEF

## Statewide job losses over virus outstrip Great Recession

Another 825 people in Clatsop County filed initial claims for unemployment insurance the week of April 4 as restrictions to prevent the spread of coronavirus put the economy on hold.

Nearly 1,900 people in the county have applied for unemployment insurance, according to the state Employment Department.

269,900

Number of Oregonians who have filed unemployment claims with the state over the last three weeks.

147,800

Number of Oregonians who filed during all of the Great Recession.

More than half of those claims have been in leisure and hospitality, including restaurants and hotels restricted to the public by government orders.

Over the last three weeks, 269,900 Oregonians have filed unemployment claims with the state, compared to 147,800 during the Great Recession. More than 16 million Americans have lost their jobs over the past three weeks.

The Employment Department has more than quadrupled the amount of staff taking claims over the past month, so far paying out more than \$28 million in benefits over the past week.

The state expects to start processing weekly \$600 federal payments through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act in the coming week, dramatically increasing the amount of benefits. It is also implementing the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program allowing self-employed, contract and gig workers not already eligible to receive unemployment benefits for the first time.

## Front-line workers against virus get free breakfast

Breakfast will be served to emergency responders and health care workers on Tuesday, courtesy of the Seaside Civic and Convention Center and caterer Oregon Fine Foods.

Pancakes and sausages are on the menu on a drive-thru basis at the northeast entrance loading zone from 6 to 9 a.m.

The convention center is temporarily closed to public gatherings due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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## DEATHS

April 10, 2020

COFFEY, William Carl "Bill," 85, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

April 9, 2020

HODSON, Bertha Lucille, 86, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

April 8, 2020

CRAWFORD, David L., 84, of Warrenton, died in Portland. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

April 3, 2020

BAMBERG, Shirley Wells, 107, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## ON THE RECORD

## Robbery

Catherine Elaine Walton, 18, of Astoria, was indicted Friday on two counts of robbery in the first degree, robbery in the second degree, two counts of unlawful use of a weapon, unauthorized use of a vehicle, theft in the first degree, driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving and reckless endangerment of a person.

Omar Magana Suarez, 20, of Astoria, was indicted Friday on two counts of robbery in the first degree, robbery in the second degree, two counts of unlawful use of a weapon, unauthorized use of a vehicle and theft

in the first degree.

## Harassment

Steven Craig Jensen, 42, of Astoria, was arrested Thursday on 14th Street in Astoria for harassment and menacing.

## DUII

Matthew Don Wait, 19, of Astoria, was arrested on March 28 on Old U.S. Highway 30 for driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving and failure to perform the duties of a driver. Police say Wait was involved in an accident and then rapidly fled the scene once police arrived. Shortly after, police say Wait crashed his vehicle into Big Creek Coffee House, causing damage.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

## MONDAY

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., (electronic meeting).

## TUESDAY

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, noon, work session, (electronic meeting).

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

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## Port accepts bulk oil cleanup settlement

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Astorian

The Port of Astoria Commission has accepted a \$2.9 million settlement from oil companies to help clean up historical petroleum contamination but faces a significant shortfall to pay and monitor the success of the project.

The bulk oil, manufacturing and other heavy industrial operations that used to sustain the Port have left behind pockets of pollution under the docks. Since the late 1990s, the Port has deployed a boom to prevent a sheen of oil from spreading from under its docks between piers 1 and 2 into the Columbia River.

The state Department of Environmental Quality recently decided the Port, McCall Oil and Chemical Corp. and ExxonMobil should excavate contaminated soil, place a permeable cap over the polluted area and lay a marine blanket along the shore between the piers.

Will Isom, the Port's executive director, said the state's decision puts pressure on the agency and the oil companies to reach a workable settlement.

"We've been at this a long time," said David Blount, an environmental attorney representing the Port. "We endorse it. It's the best negotiated outcome that we could imagine under the

circumstances."

Under the settlement, McCall will pay the Port \$1.55 million, and Exxon \$1.35 million.

"The whole purpose of this settlement is to provide not only funding from these parties to the Port to perform the work, but to also provide finality for McCall and Exxon, which they insisted on if they're going to pay millions," Blount said.

The Port Commission on Tuesday unanimously, albeit reluctantly, approved accepting the settlement.

"Our choice is to approve this and take it like a bitter pill, or fight it, and it will be in the courts for another 10 years," Port Commissioner

Frank Spence said. "And at the end of the 10 years, the cost will be 10 times more."

The cost of the cleanup is hard to pin down without a specific work plan. Blount said, but he estimated the project could exceed \$3.3 million, including a 30% contingency. Monitoring the project for at least 30 years, which the Port will be responsible for, could cost around \$1.8 million, or \$60,000 a year, he said.

"At this point, we're going to have about half the money to complete this," Port Commissioner James Campbell said. "I guess the (big) question is, 'Where is the rest of the money going to come from?'"

## Snow known for her legal mind, generosity

## A well-regarded Astoria attorney

By NICOLE BALES  
The Astorian

Jeanyse Snow, an Astoria attorney known for having an exceptional legal mind and a deep commitment to her community, died Monday at age 75.

Snow practiced law in Astoria for about 50 years with her husband, Harold, who died in 2016.

The Snows were both raised in Astoria and graduated from Astoria High School. Jeanyse Snow graduated in the Class of 1963 and went on to graduate from Willamette University College of Law. She joined her husband at the Macdonald, Dean & McCallister law firm in Astoria in 1970, which eventually became known as Snow & Snow.

Paula Brownhill, a retired Circuit Court judge, said Snow helped blaze the trail for women lawyers.

"Jeanyse Snow was an excellent lawyer. She was smart, she was analytical, and she was always prepared," Brownhill said in an email. "An Oregon appellate judge told me that Jeanyse was one of the best lawyers ever to advocate before the Court of Appeals."

Brownhill also described Snow as "a good Astorian. She and her husband Hal contributed so much to our community. We will miss her."

Steve Forrester, the former editor and publisher of The Astorian and the president and CEO of EO Media Group, said Snow was renowned for the brilliance of her legal mind.

"But she was not visible, because she did not argue cases in court," Forrester said. "That was Hal's part of the business. During one of Clatsop Community College's presidential searches, the college Board of Directors refused to give the newspaper the names of candidates it was considering. I asked Jeanyse to argue the case, and she agreed."

"I went to the argument, to watch Jeanyse work. She outclassed the college's attorney by a long shot. And she repeated a mantra I had heard from her so many times: 'The public's business should be done in public.'"

Astoria City Attorney



Jeanyse Snow

Blair Henningsgaard said Snow was also an excellent writer and authored many of the city's ordinances.

"Jeanyse was a hard person to get to know, a private person and very modest," he said. "She was a careful and exceptional attorney, very bright and rarely wrong when it came to a question of law. I often called her for advice."

Henningsgaard said Snow was a devoted and true partner to her husband.

"I cannot recall ever dealing on a case with Hal where Jeanyse was not directly involved," he said.

Astoria Mayor Bruce Jones commemorated Snow's impact during Monday's City Council meeting.

"Jeanyse was a very generous philanthropist, a wonderful, giving member of our community who, through her work with the Oregon Community Foundation and many other boards, gave very generously of her time and her resources to the community," he said. "And she will be greatly missed."

Jennifer Crockett, the executive director at the Liberty Theatre, said the Snow family has been con-

nected to the theater since its inception.

Hal Snow's grandmother and her twin sister were among the first ticket-takers and ushers at the theater in 1925. Hal and Jeanyse Snow, along with others, came together in the 1990s to help launch a renovation project.

During the theater's restoration between 1999 and 2006, the Snows, through their family foundation, made numerous grants to Liberty Restoration Inc.

Crockett said Snow has been instrumental in helping lead the theater's current capital campaign.

She said the Snow Family Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation gave \$125,000 at the theater's gala last year and secured the naming rights to the theatre's vestibule restoration.

Crockett remembers Snow for being smart, having a witty sense of humor and for her dedication to organizations throughout the community.

"We'll miss her very much," she said. "The Snow family legacy lives on at the theater. Her sons are both involved. We feel their presence since day one they've been so involved."

## Dukes was longtime state senator

The Astorian

Joan Dukes, who represented the North Coast in the state Senate for 18 years, died on Monday. She was 72.

Dukes, a Democrat who lived in Svensen, was elected in 1986 and served in the Senate until 2004, when she was appointed by Gov. Ted Kulongoski to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

She was succeeded in Senate District 16 by state Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose.

Dukes, who was from Tacoma, Washington, served a term on the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners before she was

elected to the Senate. She was also the county's elections supervisor from 1981 to 1983.

Dukes was the chairwoman of the Senate Transportation Committee when tolls ended on the Astoria Bridge in 1993. The tolls were used to pay down construction bonds.

"After 28 years of patiently paying tolls, I'm certain travelers will be as pleased as I am with the free passage over this key link with our Pacific Northwest neighbors," she said at the time.

Johnson remembers that Dukes had one of the last coins from the tolls framed on the wall in her office in Salem.

Johnson described Dukes as an advocate on issues as diverse as transportation and pain management.

"Although she was ferociously dedicated to Astoria, she understood there were no physical boundaries in many political issues," the senator said in a statement. "In transportation, one road leads to another and another and eventually connects to a freeway. When one road is allowed to deteriorate, it can impact the rest of the state's transportation network."

"Joan also understood we all feel physical pain, whatever our political affiliation. One of her constituents was a hospice physician who told her a lot of people were dying in pain."

"Thanks to her, the state Legislature approved a commission to oversee curriculum for licensed health care practitioners on pain management courses to improve patient care. Nobody should



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Joan Dukes represented the North Coast in the state Senate.

have to die in pain when there are ways to ease a patient's suffering."

Johnson remembers that Dukes could also be unyielding on some issues.

"In her case," the senator recalled, "she became furious when she discovered that the cafeteria in the legislators' lounge at the Capitol building served farmed fish. Why is the great state of Oregon, known for its fisheries, serving farmed fish?"

"At least for the rest of her term, they stopped."

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