

IN BRIEF

Long Beach fireworks show canceled over virus

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Long Beach won’t hold its annual fireworks show this year after Washington State Parks rejected the city’s permit.

The city announced the cancellation on its Facebook page.

City Administrator David Glasson said while state parks made the call, Mayor Jerry Phillips and the City Council were already discussing canceling the show.

“I don’t want to blame parks, we could have come to the same conclusion,” Glasson said.

The timeline for reopening Washington state makes it unlikely gatherings of more than 50 people will be allowed by July 4, according to the city.

— *Chinook Observer*

Seaside gives \$250,000 in relief to businesses

SEASIDE — The City Council approved \$250,000 in relief for businesses that have suffered economically from government restrictions during the coronavirus pandemic.

The city received requests for more than \$520,000. There were 135 businesses that received all or part of their request, with 11 of those fully funded.

Of the \$250,000 distributed, retail businesses received \$96,860; food services, \$88,900; health, personal care and wellness, \$40,420; arts, entertainment and recreation, \$7,100; professional, scientific and technical services, \$6,520; info services and media, \$4,500; other services, \$3,000; health care and social assistance, \$2,400. The Seaside Signal, which is owned by EO Media Group, received \$1,000.

— *The Astorian*

DEATHS

May 7, 2020

FAY, Daniel James, 79, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

May 6, 2020

JOHNSON, James Oliver, 70, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Caldwell’s Funeral & Cremation Arrangement Center in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

May 4, 2020

HART, Gerda B., 95, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

May 2, 2020

SHACKELFORD, Sandra Ruth, 78, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

May 1, 2020

BUTLER, Cheyenne M., 73, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

HAMILTON, Thomas D., 73, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

CORRECTION

Temperature checks — A story on A1 on April 11 incorrectly said Bornstein Seafoods in Astoria was “checking workers’ temperatures.”

In an email to The Astorian on April 9, Andrew Bornstein, a co-owner and vice president of the seafood processor, wrote: “Regarding temperature checks, new CDC guidance is asking employers to take temperatures, so we have that equipment coming and will begin doing that shortly.”

ON THE RECORD

Assault

- Kelly Elaine Amack, 38, of Seaside, was indicted Thursday for attempted assault in the second degree, assault in the fourth degree constituting domestic violence, criminal mischief in the second degree, animal abuse in the second degree and disorderly conduct in the second degree.

Matthew Montgomery Nye, 40, of Astoria, was indicted Thursday for assault in the second degree, strangulation and assault in the fourth degree constituting domestic violence.

Strangulation

- Jack Lee Ford, 28, of Astoria, was arrested Friday on Simmons Ridge Road for strangulation.

Theft

- Hope A. Bodway McDonald, 22, of Warrenton, was arrested Wednesday at Fred Meyer in Warrenton for theft in the second degree.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 1 p.m., special meeting on county reopening plan, (electronic meeting).

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

TUESDAY

Union Health District, 9 a.m., budget meeting, (electronic meeting).

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

COLORFUL OUTREACH



Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian

Caregiver Donna Hanley and her niece, Anastasia Preston, tape a coloring page to Shirley Johnson’s window on Wednesday at Neawanna By the Sea, a senior living facility in Seaside. Preston’s grandmother, Alice Preston, wanted to spread the love and have her coloring pages delivered to other isolated seniors during the coronavirus pandemic.

Unemployment claims pass 3,500 in county

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Astorian

More than 350 people in Clatsop County applied for unemployment over the past week, bringing the county’s claims to more than 3,500 since the effects of the coronavirus pandemic began to hit the economy in March.

More than 30 million Americans overall, including 381,000 Oregonians, have filed for unemployment since businesses closures began in mid-March, including more than 20 million in April. That includes more than 20 million job losses in April, leaving the national unemployment rate at 14.7%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The state Employment Department, facing criticism over a slow response in approving people’s unemployment, has added and reassigned hundreds of employees to process claims. Four out of five initial claims received through May 2 have been processed. Around 10,000 applications have been processed for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program recently launched to extend benefits to self-employed, contract and gig workers not eligible for regular state unemployment.

Programming and testing is underway for the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program, which will provide up to 13 weeks of extended

unemployment benefits for those who have run out of benefits but remain out of work because of coronavirus closures.

The federal unemployment expansion, including a \$600 weekly check, is set to expire at the end of July. U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, who helped write the law for the expanded benefits, has pushed for a trigger to keep them in place perpetually until the economy and employment recover.

“Our continued response to this catastrophe must meet the moment, and that means putting programs like expanded unemployment benefits on autopilot so help to workers is based on economic conditions — not the political climate,” the Oregon Democrat said in a news release about the latest jobs report. “Families will face unprecedented and unnecessary economic pain and suffering if Congress fails to take this action.”

Democratic lawmakers recently introduced the Worker Relief and Security Act. The legislation would continue \$600 weekly federal supplements for the unemployed until a month after the end of President Donald Trump’s emergency declaration. Workers who use up their 26 weeks of state unemployment would get another 26 weeks federally funded. The self-employed would not be limited until 26 weeks after extreme social distancing ends.

Judge dismisses former employee’s lawsuit against sheriff’s office

By NICOLE BALES
The Astorian

A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit filed by a former staff assistant against the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office.

Kimberly Losada resigned from her job in August after nearly 15 years with the Parole and Probation Division.

She filed a lawsuit in January in U.S. District Court in Portland alleging that her supervisor, Lt. Kristen Hanthorn, who leads the division, subjected her to bullying, harassment, discrimination and retaliation based on her sex.

Judge Anna Brown concluded that Losada’s allegations were “too vague and conclusory” to support her

claims.

Losada’s attorney could not be reached for comment.

The lawsuit said Losada began working at the Parole and Probation Division in 2005 and enjoyed the job until Hanthorn became her supervisor in 2011.

She was seeking \$425,000 in economic losses and emotional damages, alleging the county did not take action in ending Hanthorn’s behavior.

Interim Sheriff Matt Phillips said he appreciated the judge’s decision.

“The sheriff’s office will continue to focus on what we do best, working as a team and with our stakeholders to conserve the peace in Clatsop County,” he said in an email.

Beaches: ‘The lodging community is ready to reopen’

Continued from Page A1

In Seaside, the City Council is expected to vote Monday whether to lift the beach closure.

Business leaders want Seaside reopened, with a “soft opening” of beaches and a full opening May 18. They delivered a nine-page proposal to the city’s reopening committee in advance of the City Council meeting.

“The lodging community is ready to reopen,” Terrance J. Bichsel, the chairman of the board of Best Western Hotels and Resorts and owner of Best Western Plus Ocean View Resort and Rivertides Suites Hotel, said. “We have protective measures in place for our employees as well as our guests. I hope the council will feel comfort and trust

us that our interests are all aligned in this regard.”

According to the proposal, hotels, motels and vacation rentals would start taking reservations with a maximum of 50% of available rooms rentable. On May 18, they would be able to book at 100%.

The proposal, developed by business leaders and presented Wednesday by Mark Tolan of Seaside Vacation Homes, comes amid a “dire situation” as a result of the pandemic.

The proposal provides guidance to Seaside for the reopening of restaurants, retailers, public parks, the beaches and restrooms in a responsible manner.

“The middle class is going to lose their houses,” Tolan said. “They’re going to go bankrupt. We cannot wait days, if hours, longer.”

Tolan said businesses are ready to open “at a moment’s notice.”

“We don’t expect for government to be tasked with the idea of evaluating every single one of our niche business models, but rather that we self-govern ourselves and look at overall points of accountability,” Tolan said.

 Follow us on Facebook!

FACEBOOK.COM/DAILYASTORIAN

Please ADOPT A PET!

GINGER

1½ year old Red Tabby

A solitary life can transform into a social celebration with a cat for comfort.

See more on [Petfinder.com](#)

CLATSOP COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER • 861-PETS
1315 SE 19th St. • Warrenton | Tues-Sat 12-4pm
[www.dogsncats.org](#)

THIS SPACE SPONSORED BY BAY BREEZE BOARDING



WANTED

Alder and Maple Saw Logs & Standing Timber

Northwest Hardwoods • Longview, WA

Contact: John Anderson • 360-269-2500

Call Anytime

Free Fast Estimates

Jeff Hale Painting

- Residential
- Commercial
- Cedar Roof Treatments
- Exterior Repaint Specialist

Over 25 years local experience

503-440-2169

Jeff Hale, Contractor

LICENSED BUILDER INSURED CCB#179131



theAstorian

Established July 1, 1873
(USPS 035-000)

Published Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday by EO Media Group, 949 Exchange St., PO Box 210, Astoria, OR 97103 Telephone 503-325-3211, 800-781-3211 or Fax 503-325-6573. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Astorian, PO Box 210, Astoria, OR 97103-0210

DailyAstorian.com

MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MEMBER CERTIFIED AUDIT OF CIRCULATIONS, INC.

Subscription rates Effective May 1, 2019

MAIL (IN COUNTY)

EZpay (per month)	\$11.25
13 weeks in advance	\$37.00
26 weeks in advance	\$71.00
52 weeks in advance	\$135.00

Out of County Rates available at 800-781-3214

DIGITAL

EZpay (per month)	\$8.00
-------------------	--------