

## IN BRIEF

## County distributing free face masks as virus precaution

Clatsop County will distribute free KN95 face masks at drive-thru handout events at multiple locations on Thursday.

People can pick up masks between 4 and 7 p.m. at Elsie-Vinemaple Fire Station in Seaside, Seaside Fire Station, Gearhart Fire Station, Warrenton Fire Station, Astoria Aquatic Center, Knappa Fire Station and Westport Fire Station.

Masks will also be distributed from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 27 at Cannon Beach City Hall.

People are asked to stay in their cars and hold up fingers to show the number of masks needed.

The county is also working with local chambers of commerce to distribute free masks to local businesses, governments, service districts and social service providers.

## Legendary salmon mosaic re-created at Goodman Park

SEASIDE — The city's biggest fish is long gone, but a reproduction of the classic "Safeway salmon" lives on at Goodman Park.

Members of the Seaside Parks Advisory Committee met at the 12th Avenue park early this month to unveil the re-creation of an 84-foot-wide and 8-foot-high tile mosaic created by artist Richard Kennedy for the exterior of the original Safeway on Holladay Drive at the corner of First Avenue.

The original mosaic was completed following its fabrication in New York and shipment to Portland in 1962 by the six mosaicists, among them Pete and Mario Ferrarin, known for their historic mosaics at Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood.

— *The Astorian*

## Cottage Bakery in Long Beach changes hands

LONG BEACH, Wash. — After nearly 50 years, a preeminent Long Beach Peninsula institution is changing hands.

Earlier this month, Bob and Judi Andrew officially turned the keys of the Cottage Bakery over to new owners, Jeff and Casey Harrell and Mark and Lindy Swain, Casey's sister and brother-in-law.

The sale comes about 46 years after the Andrews' bought the bakery in 1974.

The sale had been in the works for more than a month, and came after staff shortages forced the bakery to close for a day on April 21, and then again from April 30 through May 6.

— *Chinook Observer*



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## UNITY TRIBUTE TRAIN

**TOP:** The Unity Tribute Train — a parade of emergency responders and other community leaders — traveled up Ridge Road in Warrenton on Wednesday night. The event was organized by Spruce Up Warrenton and the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the front-line workers in the coronavirus pandemic. **LEFT:** A Warrenton police officer passes by a home near Fort Stevens.

## DEATH

June 16, 2020

NEWELL, Cynthia Jean, 60, of Warrenton, died in Portland. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## MEMORIAL

Monday, June 22

NIKKILA, Norma M. — Visitation from 10 a.m. to noon, Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave. Graveside service follows at 1 p.m., Ocean View Cemetery, 575 18th St. in Warrenton.

## CORRECTION

**Wrong hospital** — A woman swept into the ocean in Cannon Beach on Tuesday was taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria before being flown to a Portland area hospital. An In Brief item on A2 Thursday incorrectly said she was taken to Providence Seaside Hospital.

## ON THE RECORD

## Burglary

• Brandon Merrick Carr, 41, was arraigned Wednesday for burglary in the first degree.

## Harassment

• James Edward Hahn, 43, was arrested Wednesday in Astoria for

harassment.

## Criminal trespass

• Gerald Glen Lut-cavich, 61, of Seaside, was arrested Wednesday under the Astoria Bridge for criminal trespass in the second degree.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

**Astoria City Council**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

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

TUESDAY

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

**Astoria Planning Commission**, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

## Oregon bids goodbye to coal power plants

Last plant to close

By NICK ROSENBERGER  
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BOARDMAN — Since 1980, the Boardman Coal Plant has produced reliable energy capable of powering 500,000 homes. But keeping the lights on has come at a cost.

The plant can burn up to 8,000 tons of coal a day, making it the largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions in the state. In 2019, the plant sent roughly 2.5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

That production — both of energy and emissions — will come to an end in just a few months. The Portland General Electric-owned facility, the last coal plant operating in Oregon, will close by the end of 2020. And though about a third of the electricity used in Oregon will still be created by out-of-state coal, Boardman's closure will mark the end of an energy era.

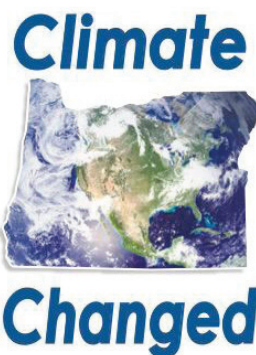
Located 160 miles east of Portland along the Columbia River in Morrow County, the Boardman Coal Plant operates within the environmental rules set down by both the state and federal governments. It is nowhere near the end of its design life.

"There's no expiration date for a plant like Boardman if it's well-maintained," said Portland General Electric spokesperson Steve Corson. Yet, the company made the unprecedented decision to shut it down.

"It was the first voluntary plant closure in the U.S. of its kind," said Rebecca Smith, a senior policy analyst at the Oregon Department of Energy.



The Portland General Electric coal-fired power plant in Boardman is expected to close in 2020.



compromise date," said Corson. "It gave our employees at the plant time to plan for the transition. It also gave us time ... to think about how our resource mix would change with Boardman leaving the picture."

Boardman isn't the only coal plant facing pressures both economic and cultural. There are nearly 600 coal-fired plants still operating in the U.S., though more than 200 others have closed in the past two decades due to declining revenue or environmental regulations. Those regulations are an attempt to reduce the effects of burning coal, the largest human-made contributor to carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

## Alternative fuel sources

Once Portland General Electric decided it would no

longer use coal to power the Boardman plant, the company had to decide what to do with the facility.

The company briefly considered using natural gas as a fuel, but that did not please regulators nor customers. And while cleaner than coal, natural gas would still produce significant carbon emissions.

Corson said the company then considered torrefaction as a final option before closing the plant for good. Similar to roasting coffee, torrefaction chars woody biomass to a level similar to charcoal. This torrefied wood can then be used as an energy-dense fuel with a much smaller carbon footprint than coal.

Torrefied wood "certainly could be a viable

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