

IN BRIEF

Census outreach in Seaside, Gearhart

Workers from the U.S. Census Bureau will be in Seaside and Gearhart next week to help people respond to the census.

A Mobile Questionnaire Assistance booth will be at the Seaside Farmer’s Market from 2 to 6 p.m. on Aug. 12 and at the Sweet Shop Gearhart from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 13.

People can also respond online at my2020census.gov and click “respond” or call 844-330-2020.

Emergency cache storage in Gearhart

GEARHART — The city will celebrate the grand opening of a community emergency container program on Aug. 23.

Originally scheduled for April, the program’s first of two access dates had to be postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Residents are invited to participate by purchasing their own 30-gallon plastic emergency supply storage drum for storage of emergency supplies. The city offers barrels for sale for \$70.

— The Astorian

Pacific County resident dies from virus

SOUTH BEND, Wash. —A Pacific County resident died after contracting COVID-19, county health officials reported.

Due to age and underlying conditions, the person was considered high risk, according to the county.

“Public health officials, including the public health nurse for this case, Leah Heintz, would like to extend heartfelt condolences to the family (and) friends of this individual during this time of loss,” health officials said in a statement.

This was the second virus death connected to Pacific County, and the first death to happen in the county. The first death connected to the county happened in April when a county resident contracted the virus and died while living out of state.

The number of coronavirus cases in Pacific County has climbed to 40, with six new cases announced on Friday.

Four of the new cases are close contacts of people previously diagnosed with the virus and known to public health nurses.

— Chinook Observer

Oregon to offer quicker benefits to unemployed workers

Oregon officials said an administrative change will enable the state to offer early prepayments to “tens of thousands” of unemployed workers waiting to have their claims adjudicated.

The state’s adjudication process has been clogged by a backlog that typically runs between 12 and 16 weeks, leaving many newly jobless Oregonians without income for months during the coronavirus pandemic, The Oregonian reported.

— Associated Press

ON THE RECORD

Encouraging sex abuse

- Christopher Jared York, 36, was arraigned on July 24 for 10 counts of encouraging child sexual abuse in the first degree, eight counts of encouraging child sexual abuse in the second degree and five counts of encouraging sexual assault of an animal.

Menacing

- Mark Anthony Marquez, 45, of Astoria, was arrested Thursday near Maritime Memorial Park in Astoria for menacing

and disorderly conduct in the second degree.

Theft

- Marilyn L. Mobley, 54, was arrested Friday at Walmart in Warrenton for theft in the second degree, criminal mischief in the third degree and criminal trespass in the first degree.

Vehicle charges

- Jesse James Ray, 36, of Seaside, was arrested Saturday on U.S. Highway 101 in Warrenton for unlawful entry into a motor vehicle and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Seaside Community Center Commission, 10 a.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A.

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

Port of Astoria Commission, 4 p.m., (electronic meeting).

Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway.

Clatsop Care Health District Board, 5 p.m., (electronic meeting).

Astoria Library Board, 5:30 p.m., (electronic meeting).

Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

Seaside Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Astoria Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., special meeting on permit amendment at Cannery Loft, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

WEDNESDAY

Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., 698 Pacific Way.

THURSDAY

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

Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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From left, Julia Gingerich, Sarah Cohen and Sarah Elder from Sparrow Dance Company perform an Irish dance outside the Columbia River Maritime Museum on Sunday afternoon. With other local performers, the trio did a series of free, outdoor performances, first stopping at the Astoria Column and the Garden of Surging Waves, to entertain the public.

Virus: County reports seven new cases

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In a Facebook post that did not mention Taco Bell, the county Public Health Department wrote: “Many people are concerned about their possible exposure to COVID-19 as restaurant customers, COVID-19 is not a food-borne illness so you cannot contract it from ingested food.

“The safety measures put in place for food service establishments under the governor’s orders protect customers from being exposed to COVID-19 even if an employee becomes ill.

THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY REPORTED 19,366 CASES AND 328 DEATHS FROM THE VIRUS STATEWIDE AS OF MONDAY MORNING.

“During recent case investigations involving food service establishments, diners were never identified as being close contacts to the COVID positive employees because of the steps the restaurants had taken to protect diners.”

On Monday, the county reported that seven new coronavirus cases were recorded over the weekend.

A woman in her 40s and a man in his 50s living in the southern part of the county tested positive for the virus.

The rest live in the northern part of the county, including a woman in her 40s, a woman in her 60s, a man and woman in their 20s and a woman in her 80s.

The county has recorded 81 cases since March 23.

Sixty-five have recovered, according to the county, and the others were convalescing at home.

All the test results from Da Yang Seafood’s workforce in Astoria have been received and no other workers tested positive for the virus, according to the county. Four workers at the company tested positive in July.

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The health authority tracked 3,599 test results in Clatsop County.

Rebrand: ‘Our mission remains the same’

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“The new brand, Consejo Hispano, more accurately reflects the cultural variations within the community we serve and furthermore allows the organization to expand services beyond the lower Columbia region,” the nonprofit said in a statement.

“Our mission remains the same — the equitable integration of resident

Hispanics into the broader social and economic fabric of the Oregon and Washington communities. Consejo Hispano will continue efforts in promoting health, education, social and economic advancement of Latinx community members, as well as cultivate partnerships that will establish bonds bridging the Spanish and English-speaking communities across the Pacific

Northwest.”

The new logo is symbolic of the organization’s inclusiveness of all Latin American cultures, the statement said, and reflects the notion that many cultures strengthen one united Latinx community.

Patricia Morrissey, a founding board member, said the change embraces the legacy of the past 15 years and looks “forward

to the future with optimism and enthusiasm for what we can accomplish working together.”

Jenny Pool Radway, the organization’s executive director, said, “We’re building on a strong foundation of legacy of impact and positive change that we can be proud of; we are simply expanding our reach to accomplish more on behalf of the community.”

Heim: ‘I want to do something that really resonates’

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The film follows the migration of a pregnant mule deer. Heim and a team of women backpacked, pack-raided and skied over 85 miles of Wyoming following the deer’s exact path.

“It was one of the most intimidating things, but that project was one of my favorites,” she said. “At the end of the day, this deer showed me I could do a lot more than I thought I was physically capable of.”

The film was selected for several film festivals, including the Banff Centre Mountain Film and Book Festival, Environmental Film Festival and the International Wildlife Film Festival.

Heim balances big projects with workshops, consultations and training that she hosts for budding conservation photographers and filmmakers. She works through concepts and ideas, offers



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Morgan Heim has traveled around the world photographing wildlife and telling stories.

advice and helps other storytellers get their own projects off the ground.

“I want there to be a lot more storytellers out there,” she said. “And I’m a big proponent of trying to get more women to be the ones wielding the camera, and shaping the stories.”

Heim leaned into story-

telling when she was working on a dam removal project in Washington state. Meeting with landowners who were

concerned about the possibility of flooding, she realized how personal conservation can be.

With an inside eye to what conservation issues actually mean to people, Heim felt compelled to communicate that concern to the world in a way everyone could understand.

Heim once had a project published in Playboy magazine. She said she is proud of it because she was able to reach an audience that normally wouldn’t be exposed to her work.

“Lots of times with storytelling, you don’t know what the impact is going to be,” she said. “I want to do something that really resonates with people.”



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