

IN BRIEF

Cannon Beach man dies in crash on Highway 101

A Cannon Beach man died Tuesday morning in a crash on U.S. Highway 101 south of Cannon Beach. Officials say Van Nordquist, 70, was heading southbound on a motorcycle when he crossed into the northbound lane while going around a curve. He collided with a Freightliner semitruck and sustained fatal injuries.

Lanes were closed for almost five hours near milepost 32 as officials investigated the crash.

Seaside man dies in crash in Clackamas County

A Seaside man died Monday night after being struck by a vehicle on U.S. Highway 26.

Troy Harrison, 55, was reportedly trying to cross the highway by foot near milepost 19 when he was struck by a Honda Accord heading eastbound.

Emergency crews responded to the scene at about 8:15 p.m.

State offers free fishing weekend

Fishing is free in Oregon on Saturday and Sunday.

The state will not require fishing licenses or tags to fish, crab or clam. Fishing regulations regarding closures, bag limits and size restrictions still apply.

There are also special restrictions in place on the coast due to the coronavirus. Nonresidents are not allowed to clam or harvest mussels statewide on the coast to reduce the amount of unnecessary travel. Crabbing is closed to nonresidents in the Columbia River and in ocean areas north of Cape Falcon.

An annual conservation closure for razor clams is also in effect on Clatsop Beach.

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Pacific County virus cases linked to social clubs

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Health officials reported nine new positive COVID-19 cases, with three of the new cases linked to social clubs in south Pacific County.

The new cases bring the county's total count up to 55.

Three of the new cases are connected to social clubs. On July 29, Pacific County Health and Human Services warned of a possible exposure for members of Ocean Park social clubs such as the Loyal Order of the Moose and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

— Chinook Observer

DEATHS

Aug. 11, 2020

NORDQUIST, Van, 70, of Tolovana Park, died in Cannon Beach. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

Aug. 10, 2020

STEELE, Patrick, 70, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

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Aug. 8, 2020

FLETCHER, Brian, 51, of Vernonia, died in Elsie. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

TERRANOVA, Mark, 65, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

Saturday, Aug. 15

HESS, Dale Charles — Graveside memorial gathering at 1 p.m., Ocean View Cemetery, Lot 31, 575 18th St. in Warrenton.

BIRTH

Aug. 4, 2020

CEPEDA, Danielle, and **ROGERS**, Garret, of Astoria, a boy, Nathaniel Bruce Rogers, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Kari Rogers, of Seaside, and Kris Wentworth, of Evergreen, Colorado.

ON THE RECORD

Criminal trespass

• Christa Schultz, 22, of Astoria, was arrested Wednesday off of Old U.S. Highway 30 for criminal trespass in the second degree and disorderly conduct in the second degree.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY

Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission, 5 p.m., Seaside Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave.

Gearhart Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 7 p.m., (electronic meeting).

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ART CAMP



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Mila Giliga, left, gifts Debra Jones a picture she painted at an art and music camp at the Astoria Art Loft. The weeklong camp gave 10 local children lessons in fine art, music and dance, while ensuring social distancing by separating tables and requiring the use of face coverings. The camp — along with a second session scheduled for Saturdays starting in September — was partially funded by the Clatsop County Cultural Coalition and the Oregon Cultural Trust and supported by Grace Episcopal Church.

Ilwaco Boatyard invests in infrastructure

By LUKE WHITTAKER
Chinook Observer

ILWACO, Wash. — The dust swirled in the summer wind at the Ilwaco Boatyard on Monday afternoon as construction and contracting crews worked to complete several upgrades at the facility.

The work includes improvements to the storm-water and pressure water systems, part of a \$2.4 million investment in modernizing the boatyard infrastructure, according to Port Manager Guy Glenn Jr.

A more eco-friendly pressure-wash water system is among the boatyard improvements.

“Our existing wash water filtration system is almost 30 years old. It is a closed-loop system that filters and reuses the water for pressure washing,” Glenn said. “The new pretreatment system will filter out materials from the used wash water and be injected into the sanitary sewer system operated by the city of Ilwaco. Port staff will continue to monitor our filtration systems to comply with permitting benchmarks.”



Luke Whittaker/Chinook Observer

Construction crews assemble the frame of a vessel deconstruction facility in June.

A more extensive storm-water filtration system is expected to better manage surface water.

“Two additional catch basins, and new filtration canisters, are being added and routed through our existing stormwater filtration vault,” Glenn said.

“These additional catch basins work in conjunction with grading and leveling the yard to better manage surface water,” he said. “About 1,600 tons of new gravel is being uniformly added in all areas of the boatyard, providing a better year-round surface for

our operations.”

The new Vessel Deconstruction Facility is on schedule to be completed before this fall, Glenn said. The facility will perform vessel deconstruction activities and maintenance while providing sufficient space to receive boats and store equipment. An estimated 15 jobs will be created in Ilwaco for the facility. West Coast Vessel Recycling will be responsible for boat deconstruction.

“This new indoor facility will be able to accommodate any vessels we haul out. It will be used for vessel decon-

struction in addition to vessel maintenance and repair activities. Our boatyard provides regional benefits and is an integral part of our marina operations, including routine vessel maintenance and repairs. We are also considered a harbor of safe refuge and able to assist the U.S. Coast Guard with emergency haul outs for vessels in distress,” Glenn said.

Boatyard customers will find the yard is now easier to maneuver around.

“It has been a long time since the boatyard was professionally graded and leveled,” Glenn said.

“Port staff routinely maintain the surface but the existing gravel has broken down over the years and it has become more challenging to manage. Potholes develop in the winter and it can become dry and dusty in the summer. The new gravel being added is better quality and should be more durable.”

A new 75-ton Marine Travelift is anticipated to be in operation before the end of this year, Glenn said. The new lift will replace an aging 1977 50-ton Marine Travelift.

Adolphson: ‘He never backed down. He was true to himself’

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“And he really, really did. He never backed down. He was true to himself and he died the way he lived, which was on his own terms.”

Adolphson grew up on Alameda Avenue, the only child of his mother, Dorothy, a hairdresser.

People described him as regal and dashing. He paid attention to detail in the way he dressed and accessorized. That same attention to detail translated into his love for cutting hair, Asian art, cooking and gardening. He created a sanctuary in his backyard with over 50 types of Japanese maple trees, which he learned how to prune, then taught the skill to others.

He ran One Six Five West Bond with his partner of 23 years, David Drafall.

Although they separated in 2012, Drafall remained Adolphson's closest companion until the end of his life. They worked together to preserve and renew Uniontown and Suomi Hall. For years, Adolphson and Drafall also kept up the landscaping of the Astoria Library, the Maritime Memorial and the Doughboy Monument.

Adolphson had a wide range of friends. His famous Astoria Regatta and holiday parties drew in people from throughout the community, including elected officials.

Dea Helligso, the president of the Finnish Brotherhood Auxiliary, remembers getting her hair cut by Adolphson's mother as a child.

“And LeRoy would always make ugly faces at me



David Drafall

LeRoy Adolphson and David Drafall in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, in 1998.

and then we'd get in trouble because my hair always ended up a little shorter,” she said.

When they got a little bit older, Adolphson practiced styling Helligso's hair.

His dream was to be a landscape architect, but it was too much schooling and he decided to do what he already knew and start earning money.

He moved to Portland, but soon returned to take care of his mother, who died of cancer in 1969.

“She had some time as she was passing and she didn't really have any money (so) she spent some of the last time of her life canning for him, making canned goods like canned peaches and jams and things because that is how she could still care for him when she knew that she was going to pass,” said Jessica Schleif, an artist and gardener and landscaper who spent decades gardening with Adolphson in his backyard and in public spaces.

“It was beautiful and really showed her care and her love,” she said.

Adolphson moved back to Portland, but returned again, this time to look after his

grandmother.

Adolphson's closest friends say that no one shaped him more than his grandmother.

Adolphson purchased the home his grandmother lived in during the 1930s and cared for her there until she died.

“He had a real respect for the women in his life,” Schleif said. “A real respect that carried over into the ways that he treated people in his hair-cutting. ... He was brought up by women. I think he had a lot of respect for what his mother and his grandmother did to be able to provide him with the bits of carefree childhood that he did have.”

Drafall said Adolphson's clients became his family over the years, and were the reason he loved doing hair.

“He always said that he was born in Uniontown, he was raised in Uniontown, he worked in Uniontown, he's going to die in Uniontown,” Drafall said. “And he did.”

Two days after Adolphson died, Drafall went back to work. He could imagine Adolphson saying: “Get over it. Move on. I'm dead.”

Bouquets of flowers and

cards from friends and customers covered the countertops. All day, Drafall answered a steady stream of phone calls.

“I didn't realize how many people he touched,” he said.

Many of Adolphson's clients watched the work he did over the years to lift up the community, and the way he supported his friends when he quietly drove them to doctors' appointments in Portland or to the grocery store. He took care of them through cancer, even cutting their wigs. And he opened his home up to people who needed housing.

“He was just a gentle, kind person,” said Liz Banholzer, Adolphson's friend of more than 40 years. “When my husband was sick, he came up and cut his hair at home and he did that for a lot of different people. He was loved. He truly was loved in this city.”

Irene Jue, who had been getting her hair cut by Adolphson since 1967, was part of his loyal following.

“We sort of grew old together,” she said. “He was a very good hairdresser. He was one of the few at the time that knew how to handle Asian hair, which is difficult if you don't know how to handle it.”

She had her last appointment with him a few weeks before he died. She could tell he was sick.

“He said, ‘This is the last time I'm going to do you.’ And it was,” Jue said.

“It was amazing when he started failing how many people surrounded him. Because he had done all those wonderful, good things — helping people all his life.”