

IN BRIEF

Pool Radway appointed to Racial Justice Council

Jenny Pool Radway, the executive director of Consejo Hispano, will serve on Gov. Kate Brown's Racial Justice Council. The council is representative of people who are most impacted by historical and institutional racism in Oregon and will help advise the governor on how to create a better system that fully supports everyone. Pool Radway is among the founding members.

Corrections deputies to graduate academy

Two Clatsop County Sheriff's Office deputies will graduate Friday from the basic corrections class. A graduation ceremony will be held for Joseph Cleary and Tami Schultz at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem. The ceremony will be closed to the public because of the coronavirus pandemic.

—The Astorian

Archery hunter killed by wounded elk

A Hillsboro man died Sunday morning in Tillamook County after an elk that he had shot and wounded the previous night charged at him, fatally wounding him. Mark David, 66, had been archery hunting on private property in Tillamook County on Saturday evening. According to Oregon State Police, David hit a bull elk and wounded it, but couldn't find it before nightfall. The next morning, David and the property owner went out to look for the elk. Around 9:15 a.m., David found the elk and tried to kill it with his bow. State police say the elk charged David and gored him in the neck with its antlers. The property owner tried to help David, but he died from his injuries. Police say the elk was killed and the meat was donated to the Tillamook County Jail.

—The Oregonian

Republicans fail to gather enough signatures for recall vote of Gov. Brown

The Oregon Republican Party did not gather enough signatures by Monday's deadline to recall Gov. Kate Brown — its second failed recall of the governor in less than a year. "It's gut-wrenching to deliver this news," Oregon GOP Chairman Bill Currier said over a Facebook livestream to supporters. "But we will prevail. I am confident that the people's will will be upheld in the end." Republicans have accused Brown of abusing her power and destroying the state's economy through shutdowns imposed in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The governor has stated shutdowns were in keeping with the advice of public health experts and were intended to save lives. For the recall to proceed, the state GOP needed to gather and submit 280,050 valid signatures to the Secretary of State's Office by Monday — 90 days from when the recall effort was initiated.

—Statesman Journal

ON THE RECORD

Reckless driving

Abraham Leng Cha, 24, of Portland, was arrested on Sunset Beach on Saturday for reckless driving and recklessly endangering another person. Police say Cha was doing "cookies" on the beach when he lost control of his vehicle and hit

a pedestrian. The pedestrian was flown to a Portland hospital with critical injuries.

Firearms charge

Anthony Michael Hanson, 27, of Portland, was arrested Sunday on Duane Street in Astoria for unlawful possession of a firearm.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Community Center Commission, 10 a.m., Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.
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).
Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, 5:15 p.m., executive session, Bob Chisholm Community Center, 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.
Seaside Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

WEDNESDAY

Urban Renewal Advisory Committee, 3:30 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave., Warrenton.
Seaside Improvement Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., 698 Pacific Way.

THURSDAY

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

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MARCH



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ABOVE: People marched through downtown Astoria on Saturday morning with blue balloons and signs to draw attention to child trafficking. **TOP:** Several people pointed out ties between anti-child trafficking protests in the United States and a QAnon conspiracy theory spread by some supporters of President Donald Trump. Local march organizers denied any affiliation with QAnon.

Oregon vets remember WWII victory 75 years on

Astoria played role in the war

By GARY WARNER
Oregon Capital Bureau

In July 1945, Leon Devereaux was a U.S. Navy ensign flying a 4JU Corsair fighter, shooting down a Mitsubishi "Betty" bomber off the coast of Japan.

Less than two months later, Devereaux was again on a mission above Japan, flying over a battleship in Tokyo Bay. His Corsair was part of the air armada above the USS Missouri, where Japan was signing the documents of surrender.

It was Sept. 2, 1945. The end of World War II.

"That was fast — we weren't expecting the war to be over yet," Devereaux said. "We knew there was a hard-nosed bunch in Tokyo who wanted to keep fighting."

It had been just that spring that Germany had surrendered. Still, there was one more enemy to go. The path to victory over Japan was clear — but the cost of D-Day-style invasions would be long and bloody.

President Harry Truman would say after the war that "Operation Downfall" would have lasted well into 1946 and cost up to a half-million American lives — an overestimation, according to some post-war military historians.

Then two flashes changed the timetable. The atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in early August 1945 incinerated two major Japanese cities, killing at least 110,000. Higher estimates are double the number. It would cause Emperor Hirohito to overrule military hardliners and capitulate to the Allies.

Just under four years of war cost 407,316 Americans killed and 671,278 wounded. Of the 150,000 Oregonians who served, an estimated 3,800 died and more than 5,000 were wounded. While estimates vary, the death toll of military and civilians during the war was about 75 million.

Marching into history

Devereaux, 97, who would go on to serve as Bend's mayor, is among the rapidly dwindling number of Americans for whom service in World War II isn't something in a history book, but part of their life's memories. Of the estimated 16 mil-



The Oregon WWII Memorial is located near the state Capitol in Salem. It bears the names of 3,771 Oregonians who were killed in action during the war.



Camp Abbot, which served as the U.S. Army engineer training camp and trained 90,000 men, sits at the site of Sunriver in central Oregon.

lion who served in World War II, less than 300,000 remain, down from more than 935,000 in just the past five years. In Oregon, just 7,300 veterans remain. Each day more than 200 veterans of the war die across the nation. Obituaries tell the toll.

"After graduation from Astoria High School in 1943, he enlisted in the Navy and served his country in the Pacific Theater during World War II," The Astorian reported on the April death of Donald Bryce Hoyer, 94, of Seaside.

It's a daily fact of life. "In Oregon, we lose three or four World War II veterans every day," said Dick Tobiasson, a Vietnam veteran in Bend active in state efforts to memorialize World War II in Oregon.

Bob Stangier was fairly certain he would have added to those casualty numbers if the fighting had continued. World War II had taken him from Pendleton to Corsica, then Italy, flying 70

missions as a pilot of B-25 Mitchell bomber. His plane was badly damaged on a raid and limped home to its base in Allied-occupied Italy on one engine. When the end of the war came, Stangier was a first lieutenant at Santa Ana Army Air Base in California, on his way to the Pacific.

"I had been in combat and was apprehensive about going back," said Stangier, 96. "I was in the Army. They told you where to go and what to do, so I was in the pipeline to the Pacific."

"Gen. MacArthur said we could take Japan with just a few thousands of losses, but another general said we could lose a million or more," Stangier said. "I had no confidence in MacArthur's math."

That even MacArthur's estimate was wildly high was only because of the atomic bomb, Stangier said. "I believe I am alive because of the atomic bombs," Stangier said. "These idiots who are

against it should have been in the Army in 1945."

Small state plays a big role

For a state of just over 1 million people at the time, Oregon played a leading role in the history of World War II.

Yōsuke Matsuoka, Japan's foreign minister who negotiated the 1940 alliance with Nazi Germany and fascist Italy, once lived in Portland and was a 1900 graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law. Charged with war crimes, he died of tuberculosis in a Tokyo prison in 1946 before the end of his trial.

Fort Stevens at the mouth of the Columbia River was the only military base on the continental United States to be attacked. The Japanese submarine I-25 surfaced at night in June 1942 and fired 17 shells from its deck gun, blowing up the fort's baseball field backstop but little else.

Brookings was the scene of the only enemy bombing of the war, when the same submarine launched a sea-plane armed with incendiary bombs meant to set off a forest fire that would draw troops away from military missions. A small area was scorched, but no blaze erupted. Nubuo Fujita, the pilot, would return after the war to apologize to the resident of Brookings, give the town his family's samurai sword and plant a peace tree where the bombs fell.

Klamath County was the site of the only American

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