

IN BRIEF

State adds extra days to Buoy 10

Anglers will have another shot at Chinook salmon in the Buoy 10 fishery over the Labor Day weekend. State fishery managers added Saturday and Sunday as retention days for the popular Columbia River fishery. Anglers are allowed a daily bag limit of two adult salmon (Chinook and hatchery coho), only one of which may be a Chinook, from Buoy 10 upstream to the Rocky Point-Tongue Point line. All wild coho and all steelhead must be released. While white sturgeon fishing will be allowed farther upriver over the holiday weekend, sturgeon retention fishing is closed in the lower Columbia River estuary. Guides and anglers asked fishery managers to hold off on offering sturgeon fishing in this area until next spring.

Astoria Regional Airport receives federal grant for apron rehab

The Astoria Regional Airport was awarded nearly \$2.4 million for the rehabilitation of the apron, where aircraft park. The award was part of more than \$1.2 billion from the Federal Aviation Administration’s airport improvement program that went to 405 airports across the U.S. and in six territories.

“This \$1.2 billion federal investment will improve our nation’s airport infrastructure, enhance safety and strengthen growth in local communities, which is especially important as the economy recovers from COVID-19,” U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao said in a news release.

Airports can receive a certain amount of improvement program entitlements each year based on activity levels and project needs. Since 2017, the program has awarded \$13.5 billion.

The Astoria Regional Airport, which is located in Warrenton, regularly receives millions for improvements because of U.S. Coast Guard and other federal military traffic.

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DEATHS

Sept. 3, 2020
TELEN, Shirley Elaine, 79, of Astoria, died in Warrenton. Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Sept. 2, 2020
MORRIS, Gregory Alan, 55, of Birkenfeld, died in Jewell. Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Sept. 1, 2020
R A M D W A R , Clyde, 89, of Wheeler, died in Wheeler. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

Aug. 30, 2020
HEINER, Dan, 65, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

Aug. 28, 2020
MOON, Gary, 78, of Cannon Beach, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

Aug. 27, 2020
GLADWIN, Robert, 93, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. A private family service is being held at Ocean View Cemetery.

Aug. 25, 2020
NELSON, Terry, 69, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. Public ceremony information will be posted at hughesransom.com

HENSALA, Kenneth, 69, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

BIRTH

Aug. 18, 2020
ADAMEK, Callie and Kanon, of Bay Center, Washington, a boy, Kaiser Adamek, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Scott Klindt, of Houston, Texas, and Philip and Karen Adamek, of Bay Center.

ON THE RECORD

Assault
• Willie Ray Maxey, 38, of Seaside, was arrested Thursday on Salmonen Road in Gearhart for assault in the fourth degree and menacing.

Attempted arson
• Levi Trent Smith, 33, was arrested Thursday on Hume Avenue and W. Bond Street in Astoria for attempted arson in the first degree.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY
Clatsop County Planning Commission, 10 a.m., (electronic meeting).
Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 6 p.m., main fire station, 34571 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.
Clatsop Community College, 6:30 p.m., (electronic meeting).
Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

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From left, Isabella Sweazey, Preston Sweazey, Isabelle Mills and Caleb Mills play on the dock at Coffenbury Lake on Thursday afternoon.

Astoria man sentenced to prison for encouraging child sex abuse

By NICOLE BALES
The Astorian

An Astoria man was sentenced Wednesday to 2 1/2 years in prison for charges related to encouraging child sex abuse. Fabian Alberto Zamora-Rodriguez, 34, pleaded guilty to two counts of encouraging child sexual abuse in the first degree and online sexual corruption of a child in the first degree. He was arrested in February 2019 after the sheriff’s office said he showed up at a local park for what he believed was going to be a sexual rendezvous with an 11-year-old boy. Deputies had been posing as the boy and the boy’s 40-year-old babysitter online after a local resident reported a person was using the dating application Grindr to solicit sex with children in exchange for child sex abuse imagery. Zamora-Rodriguez was detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents in July 2019 at the Clatsop County Courthouse in Astoria after a hearing related to the charges. Federal agents used what appeared to be pepper spray on people who were trying to escort him away. He was taken to a federal detention center in Tacoma, Washington.

Fabian Alberto Zamora-Rodriguez

Zamora-Rodriguez’s detention was cited by civil liberties advocates at a rally in August 2019 in Washington County. Advocates called on Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Martha Walters to issue an emergency rule prohibiting ICE arrests at or near county courthouses. There were also concerns raised about ICE using administrative warrants to detain people in courthouses. Walters enacted the rule in November prohibiting ICE from detaining people at state courthouses without a judicial arrest warrant. She said in a statement that “arrests in courthouses have interfered with judicial proceedings and removed criminal defendants before they have been sentenced or completed their sentences.” Circuit Court Judge Cindee Matyas ordered ICE in December to release Zamora-Rodriguez to the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office for his scheduled court appearance and any other court appearances for the duration of the case. Zamora-Rodriguez has been lodged in the Clatsop County Jail since December.

Tsunami models show impact on Washington state

Associated Press

SEATTLE — State authorities have released new simulations that show how a powerful tsunami could overwhelm Washington state’s coastal and shoreline communities. The Department of Natural Resources says there are some locations around the state where residents would have very little — if any — time to escape the onslaught of floodwaters because of the speed of the wave. Several experts and researchers warn that now is the time to prepare. “It really does depend on where you are (for) what you will see first,” said Corina Allen, chief hazards geologist with the state Department of Natural Resources. KOMO reports Allen and other geologists have been creating simulations that detail a tsunami’s impact on specific communities in the wake of a major earthquake that rattles the Cascadia subduction zone. “The highest modeled inundation so far has been in southwest Washington at Damon Point, and there’s expected to be about 60 feet of flooding above the previously dry surface,” Allen said. The wave would also wrap around the top of the state and make its way down to population dense areas in Seattle and Tacoma as well. Although experts say residents in those areas would have hours instead of minutes to get to safety, they still warn that losses could still be catastrophic. Some coastal communities are contemplating building vertical evacuation structures for residents who wouldn’t have time to reach higher ground. Geologists say they just want people to work out a plan ahead of time and not when danger is bearing down. “We hope these simulations can really help people to plan for those events before they happen,” Allen said. The Cascadia subduction zone produces a major earthquake every 300 to 600 years. It has already been 320 years since the last magnitude 9 earthquake struck back in 1700.

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Offices around the North Coast close for Labor Day

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In observance of Labor Day on Monday, all federal, state, county and city offices and services, including Astoria, Warrenton, Gearhart, Seaside and Cannon Beach city halls, are closed. All U.S. post offices are closed, and there is no mail delivery. Astoria, Jewell, Knappa, Warrenton/Hammond and Seaside (including Cannon Beach and Gearhart) school district schools, and Clatsop Community College, are closed. The Astoria Library, Seaside Library and Warrenton Library are closed. The Port of Astoria offices are closed. Garbage collection through Recology Western Oregon and Warrenton garbage collection are not affected by the holiday. Recology Western Oregon’s transfer station is open. The Sunset Pool in Seaside is open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Astoria Aquatic Center is closed. The Clatsop County Heritage Museum, Oregon Film Museum and the Carriage House are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the Flavel House is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Uppertown Firefighters Museum is closed. Lil’ Sprouts Academy is closed for the week. Fort Clatsop is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Columbia River Maritime Museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Seaside Museum is closed. Sunset Empire Transportation “The Bus” is running. The Astorian offices are closed.

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