

IN BRIEF

Man charged with manslaughter for DUII crash

Ronald Eugene Cable, 21, was arraigned Friday on a charge of manslaughter for a crash in May 2017 that left one dead and three others injured.

District Attorney Ron Brown said Cable was allegedly driving under the influence of marijuana on U.S. Highway 101 near Warrenton when he fell asleep at the wheel and drifted in front of a semitruck.

Cable's passenger, Avery Shriver, 15, of Elma, Washington, was killed in the crash. Two other passengers and the driver of the semitruck were injured, according to the court filings.

Cable was charged with manslaughter in the second degree, driving under the influence of intoxicants, two counts of assault in the third degree — DUII, assault in the fourth degree and reckless driving.

Brown said Cable had an outstanding arrest warrant for about two years. He was booked in the Clatsop County Jail on Thursday.

— The Astorian

Supreme Court rejects appeal to limit transgender students

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court declined Monday to take up an appeal from parents in Oregon who want to prevent transgender students from using locker rooms and bathrooms of the gender with which they identify, rather than their sex assigned at birth.

The case came from a school district near Salem. The federal appeals court in San Francisco had upheld a Dallas School District policy that allows transgender students to use bathrooms and locker rooms that align with their gender identity.

Parents sued over the policy in 2017, saying it caused embarrassment and stress.

— Associated Press

DEATHS

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OLSON, Illa Faye, 84, of Nehalem, died in Nehalem. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

RIVERS, Joyce Mansfield, 85, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

ON THE RECORD

Theft

• Danielle Erickson, 28, of Seaside, was arrested Friday at Fred Meyer in Warrenton for theft in the second degree and possession of methamphetamine.

• Mark Short, 63, of Ocean Park, Washington, was arrested Tuesday at Home Depot in Warrenton for theft in the second degree.

Disorderly conduct

• Timothy Goza, 51, was arrested Tuesday in

Warrenton for disorderly conduct in the second degree.

Criminal mischief

• John Jay Griffin, 41, was arrested Friday on the foot of Second Street in Astoria for criminal mischief in the second degree.

DUII

Jason Allen Moos, 41, of Scappoose, was arrested Saturday on the Astoria roundabout for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Clatsop County Planning Commission, 10 a.m., (electronic meeting).

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

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

Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, 5:15 p.m., special meeting, (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 Board, 6:30 p.m., (electronic meeting).

WEDNESDAY

Port of Astoria Finance Committee, 1 p.m., (electronic meeting).

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., (electronic meeting).

Wickiup Water District Board, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District, 7 p.m., webinar on Broadway Middle School purchase.

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SANTA

TOP: Wyatt Turner, 7, tells Santa Claus he wants a drone for Christmas through the Liberty Theatre's ticket kiosk on Saturday. Santa will be at the theater the next two Saturdays with the help of volunteers from the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association.

RIGHT: Audrey Olock, 3, hugs a masked Santa after telling him about all the princesses she wants for Christmas.

Photos by Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian



Man taken to hospital after shark bite in Seaside

By R.J. MARX
The Astorian

SEASIDE — Cole Herrington suffered wounds to his foot, ankle and leg after he was attacked by a shark on Sunday at the Point, a favorite surf spot at the tip of Tillamook Head.

"He got hit by a shark," eyewitness Casey Weyer said. "The shark came up from the bottom and came out from the water, and then came back down and pushed him underwater with him in his mouth."

Weyer and bystanders, including an off-duty Seaside lifeguard, helped pull Herrington to safety and applied a field tourniquet to the injured leg to slow the bleeding.

"I didn't know if we didn't put the tourniquet on him, he would have died," Weyer said.

Seaside Fire & Rescue arrived about 3:30 p.m., where they found Herrington being carried over beach rock to the parking lot by fellow surfers.

Another tourniquet was applied at the scene, Fire



City of Seaside

Shark bite marks are visible on a surfboard.

Chief Joey Daniels said. "That's not uncommon, to have two tourniquets put on," he said. "You never want to take one off."

Medix took Herrington, of Seaside, to Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria before his transfer to a Portland trauma center.

The surfers did a "great job" helping each other, Daniels added. "The lesson learned is that if you're going to recreate, make sure you're not by yourself so if someone does get injured, you have somebody to call

for help," he said.

The shark was likely a white shark, Tiffany Boothe, of Seaside Aquarium, added.

White sharks can be seen year-round but not in large numbers.

This year has been very quiet on the marine mammal front, she said, and there had not been reports of a shark in the area.

"Usually when there is an active shark close to shore we will receive reports of marine mammals, such as harbor seals or sea lions which have been bitten by a

shark," Boothe said. "When this happens we will alert the public to let them know that there is a shark in the area."

Herrington's mother, Amy Smith Powell, shared her son's story on a Facebook fundraiser page, asking assistance from the community to help pay for her trip from her home in Alabama to Oregon, and to help meet his health care costs.

"My son was attacked yesterday afternoon by a shark while surfing," she wrote. "He was taken to a trauma center two hours from home where he underwent his first surgery last night."

He will be undergoing surgeries to repair his foot, ankle and leg, she wrote: "More surgeries are in the future as the surgeons work to regain full function of Cole's foot and leg."

Powell, who just finished nursing school, is seeking funds for a plane ticket to Oregon and help with medical expenses.

To contribute, visit "Help Amy get to her son fundraiser" via Facebook.

Pier 12 building under contract for sale

Former home of Baked Alaska

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Astorian

The Pier 12 building in Astoria has been sold into an investment property exchange for \$2.75 million as Don Vallaster, the owner since 2005, looks to find either a new owner, or new restaurateurs to replace Baked Alaska.

Vallaster sold the building into a 1031 exchange, a swap of similar investment properties. The exchange company takes temporary ownership of the properties, and the owners defer capital gains taxes.

"Right now, the possible (buyer) has asked for more time," he said. "So the sale is



Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian

Don Vallaster has sold Pier 12 in Astoria into an investment property exchange for \$2.75 million.

kind of not moving forward right now. I don't know if it will happen or not."

Vallaster, an architect in the Portland area, said he retired after developing the new Astoria Co+op grocery

store. He has been searching for tenants on Pier 12 since Chris and Jennifer Holen, the owners of Baked Alaska, closed the restaurant after occupying much of the ground floor since 2001.

The Holens opened Nekest, a brunch spot, in a smaller space just east of the pier. The Astoria Downtown Historic District Association also relocated from the ground floor of Pier 12 to the Liberty Theatre. "I'm OK with hold-

ing the building and trying to find new restaurant tenants, or selling — whichever happens," Vallaster said. "Right now, it's just a little uncertain."

Baked Alaska's previous space, including a main restaurant, bar and pizza parlor, could be split between two or three operators, he said. Pier 11 adopted a similar model after the closure of the Riverview Buffet.

HEES Enterprises, an electrical supply company renting a portion of the upstairs, is now the largest tenant in the pier. Vallaster also built out a coworking office space for people to rent. In May, he started an Airbnb vacation rental upstairs.

"It kind of looks like that type of use would work pretty well, in that building along with other buildings," he said of vacation rentals.

Vallaster said he'd like to have another restaurant in the space but will know in the next month or so whether the sale of the building will go through.

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