

## IN BRIEF

## Coast Guard launches investigation into Coastal Reign capsizing

The U.S. Coast Guard announced Wednesday that a marine casualty investigation has been launched into the capsizing of the Coastal Reign that left two Warrenton fishermen dead.

The Coast Guard was watching the Warrenton-based commercial fishing boat Saturday as a precaution while it crossed the Tillamook Bay bar. All four crew members entered the water after the 38-foot vessel capsized and were recovered.

According to family members, Todd Chase, 51, and Zach Zappone, 41, died after they were recovered.

The investigation, authorized by Rear Adm. Anthony Vogt, the Coast Guard's 13th District commander, will try to determine the cause of death and whether there is any evidence of negligence, misconduct or criminal acts.

The Coast Guard will issue an investigative report with conclusions and recommendations regarding the marine casualty.

Anyone with questions, information or comments about the investigation can contact the Coast Guard at D13WebManagers@uscg.mil.

## Water shut-offs in Warrenton delayed

WARRENTON — Households more than two months overdue on water payments were scheduled to have the service shut off on Tuesday.

However, due to a clerical error, the city extended the deadline for people to pay or set up payment plans to 5 p.m. on March 22.

Warrenton suspended late fees, penalties and service disconnections last March to assist people during the coronavirus pandemic. The suspension ended in January.

## States set spring fisheries on river

Oregon and Washington state fishery managers announced salmon and steelhead seasons for the Columbia River on Tuesday.

The lower Columbia River from Buoy 10 at Clatsop County upriver to Warrior Rock will be open for the first time since 2018.

For fishing near Clatsop County: The season below Bonneville Dam begins Monday and continues through April 4 with a daily bag limit of two adult hatchery salmon (Chinook or steelhead) of which only one can be a Chinook salmon.

The forecast for this year's return of adult spring Chinook — 143,200 fish — is similar to last year's actual return, but the season is driven by a lower forecast for upriver-origin spring Chinook as compared to last year's returns.

— *The Astorian*

## Pacific Power restores power after storm

Pacific Power finished restoring power following powerful ice storms this month and now some of its crews plan to help Portland General Electric, which still has about 4,000 customers waiting for power, the company said Wednesday.

Pacific Power predominantly serves the southern part of Oregon, but also serves cities such as Corvallis, Lincoln City, Bend and Astoria.

At times, more than 80,000 Pacific customers were without power, KOIN-TV reported. The company had more than 400 field personnel working 24/7 through ice and snow to restore power as quickly as possible.

"Crews and contractors were all hands on deck for this monumental restoration effort," company officials said. "A special thanks goes out to the crews that came to assist us from Rocky Mountain Power within our PacifiCorp family and from MidAmerican Energy and NV Energy in our extended Berkshire Hathaway Energy family.

"And a heartfelt thank you and deep gratitude to our customers affected by this storm. They showed tremendous patience and generosity during a very trying time."

— *Associated Press*

## DEATHS

**Feb. 22, 2021**

**BARROWS**, Ernest Jerome, 97, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**EDGAR**, Robert Joseph, 76, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Caldwell's Luce-Lay-

ton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**Feb. 15, 2021**

**STRNAD**, Abigail Mae, 20, of Pullman, Washington, formerly of Canby, died in Pullman. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

## THURSDAY

**Sunset Empire Transportation District Board**, 9 a.m., (electronic meeting).

**Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning Advisory Committee**, 1 p.m., (electronic meeting).

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Astoria High School football players began official practices on Monday. Football, volleyball, soccer and cross-country will play through early April.

## Ilwaco graduates celebrate historic Mars mission

By PATRICK WEBB  
*Chinook Observer*

ILWACO, Wash. — Two Ilwaco High School graduates watched the Mars rover landing with pride.

That's because brother and sister Leland Holeman and Amelia Cook have played an important part in the mission.

Their company, Goodwinds Composites of Mount Vernon, linked up with NASA when the space agency planned its latest search for signs of life on Mars.

A spacecraft took off from Cape Canaveral in Florida last July with a tiny helicopter — called Ingenuity — clamped to the belly of the Perseverance rover.

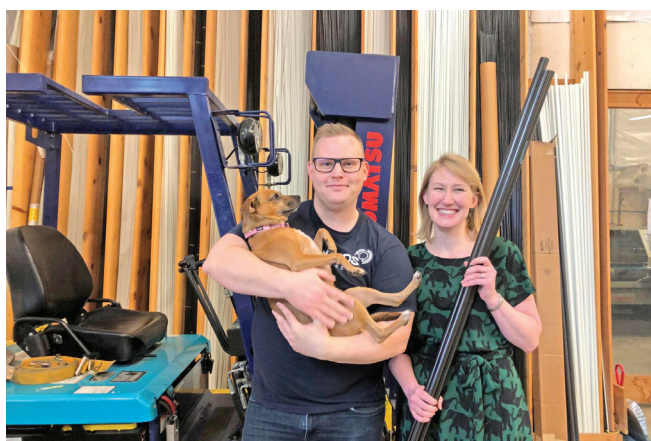
After its 126 million mile journey, it landed on schedule Feb. 18.

Goodwinds Composites created the lightweight legs for the helicopter.

"We are pretty proud of it," said Cook, whose eight employees watched the live-stream NASA landing video as they enjoyed red velvet cupcakes in honor of the red planet.

"It's pretty exciting, all right," said Holeman. "I think we all love space exploration. It's an interest for everyone. We stopped for a couple of hours and had a martian-themed party — we had a great time."

The brother and sister own a company that creates custom composite carbon rods and fiber glass materials for businesses. They are based in Mount Vernon, which is handy for Boeing in Everett.



Goodwinds Composites

Leland Holeman and Amelia Cook, owners of Goodwinds Composites, are Ilwaco High School graduates who worked with NASA on its Mars rover mission.

Their involvement with Jet Propulsion Laboratory, a division of Caltech in Southern California, began a couple of years ago but had to remain confidential until about a few months ago. "It was nice when we got word that we could tell anyone," Cook said.

She said engineers initially bought some samples anonymously a couple of times before revealing what was needed.

"We got to work with them to design tubes that were super-specific with specialized fabric to withstand ultra-violet radiation and temperature extremes, and flying through space and being in the super-thin Mars atmosphere," she said. "They had to be impact resistant. It has been in the planning stage for quite a time."

Their parents, Jane and Roger Holeman, moved to the Long Beach Peninsula when their children were

young and saw them graduate from Ilwaco High School — Amelia in 1999 and Leland in 2002.

Jane Holeman has long been a leading light with the Washington State International Kite Festival in Long Beach. "This is really great," she said with enthusiasm an hour after the successful Mars landing. "We are all excited. They have worked really hard."

The family owned the Super 8 in Long Beach. "We grew up with small business talk around the dinner table conversation," Cook recalled. "When our parents sold the motel, they wanted to invest in their kids."

As they completed college, Cook added a master's in business administration from Western Washington University. About that time, a Seattle kite store was selling its separate supply business for carbon rods that were strong but lightweight.

## Back to school with excitement, trepidation in Seaside

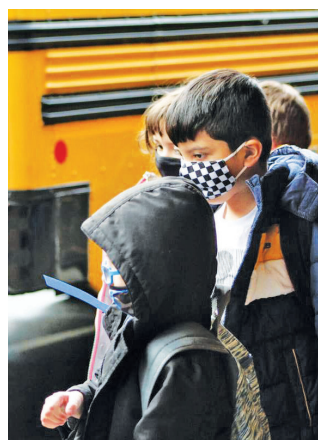
By KATHERINE LACAZE  
*The Astorian*

SEASIDE — For most kindergartners and first-graders, school's back in session — or more specifically, back on campus.

Pacific Ridge Elementary School was alive with a distinctly "first-day-of-school" vibe on Feb. 16, when in-person instruction resumed for a couple cohorts of young students.

"It's definitely a very similar energy to September, August," assistant principal Jeremy Catt said, noting his own elementary-aged student was so excited she was up, dressed and ready to go in the early morning. As students arrived and connected with the teachers they previously knew only from Zoom interactions, Catt said, "There was a lot of, 'I know you.'"

"Today was definitely a 'bucket-filler,'" he said. "It was great to see and feel that energy of being back at school that we've missed for so long. You can't replicate



Katherine Lacaze/For The Astorian  
Kindergartners at Pacific Ridge Elementary School in Seaside wait to board a bus during their first day back on campus last week.

that online."

The excitement was accompanied by a bit of trepidation and uncertainty. Principal Juli Wozniak said she could see the emotion in the eyes of parents who were dropping their kids off at school for the first time. The whole situation was made more unusual because parents and guardians couldn't go inside the building or visit

their student's classroom, as would be tradition, because of COVID-19 restrictions.

"Overall, they were happy to give them a hug at the car," Wozniak said.

The returning students have been split into two cohorts. Half of the students come for instruction in the morning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. They are picked up and dropped off by their guardians. The other half of the students — who take the bus to and from the elementary school — arrive in the early afternoon.

This is just one example of the all new routines that students, teachers and other staff are growing accustomed to as they return to campus, Catt said.

Everyone is required to wear a mask. There are different visual cues placed throughout the building, such as painted puffin feet on the floor and ropes with handles on them, to show students where to stand and move. They each have their designated spot in their classroom. Teachers are introducing fun and creative ways to help the kids remember to stay an arm's length away from others when they're walking around.

"They're all doing an amazing job following

instructions," Wozniak said of the students, noting they hardly had any issues with the mask-wearing.

On March 1, second and third graders will return to campus, with fourth and fifth graders joining on March 16 after an in-service day. Wozniak appreciates the phasing-in approach for a couple different reasons.

First, the Pacific Ridge building is a relatively new environment for all students. Not only are the Seaside kindergartners attending a brick-and-mortar elementary school for the first time, but former Gearhart Elementary School students, teachers and staff have also been moved to the campus this year.

"It's a brand new school for them," Wozniak said. "None of them have been here."

Even returning students might have difficulty recognizing the building since it was completely remodeled as part of the new campus project that is wrapping up.

Gradually bringing students back in smaller groups enables administrators and teachers to feel confident about the health and safety practices being implemented, Wozniak said. "It's best for us to get our procedures in place and make sure we're doing everything right."

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