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IN BRIEF

Two dead after crash on Highway 101 in Seaside

SEASIDE — Two people were killed after a motorcycle crash on U.S. Highway 101 in Seaside early Friday.

At about 1 a.m. Friday morning, a male and female were traveling northbound when they left the roadway near the fueling station across the highway from TLC Federal Credit Union, Seaside police said.

The crash was under investigation.

Seaside student tests positive for virus

SEASIDE — A Seaside Middle School student tested positive for the coronavirus, the Oregon Health Authority disclosed in a COVID-19 weekly report.

The onset was reported April 11.

Four Seaside High School students and three staff members or volunteers at the high school have also tested positive for the virus within the past month.

Astoria officer to graduate from police academy

An Astoria police officer will graduate on April 29 from the basic police class.

A graduation ceremony will be held for Brian Weber at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem.

The ceremony will be closed to the public because of the coronavirus pandemic.

— The Astorian

CDC investigating woman's death after J&J vaccine

PORTLAND — Oregon health officials said Thursday that federal officials are investigating the death of a woman in her 50s who developed a rare blood clot and low platelets within two weeks of receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine against COVID-19.

The Oregon Health Authority learned of the probe on Tuesday, two days after the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention began the investigation, the agency said. The woman, whose name was not released, received the dose before the CDC ordered a pause on the vaccine amid concerns it could cause dangerous clots.

The woman developed a "rare but serious blood clot in combination with very low platelets," the health authority said in a statement.

Dr. Shimi Sharief, senior health adviser for the state's health authority, said the woman's symptoms were consistent with other cases — severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain or shortness of breath.

Health officials declined to release any further details, including the date the woman got the vaccine or where in Oregon she lived, citing patient privacy. The woman was hospitalized before her death and got the vaccine in early April, Sharief said.

Until the investigation is complete, which health officials predict will take a week or more, it's not certain that her death is related to the vaccine, the agency said.

Federal and state agencies paused the J&J vaccine rollout on April 13 due to concerns about blood clots.

"For most people that received the (J&J) vaccine, we are nearing the end of that time of where they need to be monitoring for symptoms," Sharief said. The CDC warned that if people have symptoms within three weeks after receiving the vaccine they should contact their health care provider.

Federal officials already were examining six reports of the unusual clots, including a death, out of more than 8 million Americans given the one-dose vaccination so far.

— Associated Press

ON THE RECORD

Strangulation

• Gary Dwaine Beeler Jr., 56, of Eagle Creek, was arraigned Wednesday on charges of strangulation, two counts of assault in the fourth degree and two counts of menacing.

Burglary

• Doctrinaire Aflawed Goodsoul, 39, was arrested Sunday off of W. Marine Drive in Astoria for burglary in the second degree. Goodsoul reportedly used a brick to break a window at the Astoria-Warrenton Area

Chamber of Commerce and entered the building. He used the organization's phone to call 911.

DUI

• Charles Robert Myers, 62, of Astoria, was arrested Thursday on Akerstedt Road for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

• Russell Schultz, 51, of Kelso, Washington, was arrested April 17 on Lief Erikson Drive and Blue Ridge Drive in Astoria for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

TUESDAY

Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Board of Directors, 5:15 p.m., 1225 Avenue A, Seaside.

Astoria Budget Committee, 6 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

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



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Liisa Penner, the archivist with the Clatsop County Historical Society, video chats with James Kurtti, the director of the Finnish American Heritage Center in Michigan, after receiving the Amerikan Suometar award from the center on Friday morning. The award recognizes those who work to preserve Finnish American history and identity. 'Amerikan Suometar' roughly translates to 'America's Lady Finland.'

SPORTS

BASEBALL

Banks wins thriller at Seaside, 11-10

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With first place in the league standings at stake, Banks and Seaside played a nine-inning thriller Wednesday night at Broadway Field, where the Braves escaped with an 11-10 Cowapa League baseball win.

The Gulls rallied from a 9-7 deficit, scoring two runs in the seventh to send the game to extra innings, where Banks scored twice in the ninth and held off a Seaside rally to win.

The Braves remained undefeated (5-0 overall, 4-0 league), while Seaside dropped to 2-2.

Junior Jarred White was the starting pitcher for Sea-

side, and threw 102 pitches over five innings, allowing just three hits with one strikeout and nine walks, and left with a 7-4 lead.

The Braves led 4-0 through an inning-and-a-half, but Seaside bounced back with four runs in the bottom of the second, with a leadoff single from Justin Morris, followed by a walk, a double from Ryan Varoza, a two-out walk and consecutive run-scoring singles by Riley Kuhl and Kaleb Bartel to tie the game.

Seaside took the lead with three runs in the third, as Morris reached on an error, which was followed by a walk, another error and eventually a bases-loaded walk to force

in the go-ahead run. Kuhl added a two-run single for a 7-4 lead.

After Banks grabbed a 9-7 lead in the top of the seventh, White drew a leadoff walk in the bottom of the seventh, took second on a passed ball, went to third on a wild pitch, and scored on a double by Morris.

Tanner Kraushaar continued the rally by reaching on an error that scored Morris with the tying run.

After a scoreless eighth, Banks scored twice in the top of the ninth for an 11-9 lead.

Seaside rallied in the bottom of the ninth, as Morris singled to lead off, Kraushaar reached on an error, and both

advanced on a wild pitch.

Varoza drove in Morris on a grounder and Kraushaar took third, but that's where he was stranded, as Banks relief pitcher Riley Harbaugh got Andrew Teubner to ground out to end the game.

Four Banks pitchers allowed nine hits with 15 strikeouts and five walks, while three Seaside pitchers also gave up nine hits, with one strikeout and 10 walks.

Kuhl had two hits and drove in four runs, while Colton Hesselman was 2-for-4 with three RBIs and two runs scored for Banks.

The two teams finish the regular season with games May 13 and May 15.

PREP ROUNDUP

Kunde wins again for Gulls

Seaside senior Curtis Kunde finished atop the field for the second time in two matches this season, with another medalist honor Thursday.

Competing in a dual match against Valley Catholic at the Astoria Golf & Country Club, Kunde shot 75 to finish two strokes ahead of Valley Catholic's Henry Lo.

The Valiants won the team scoring, carding a 323 to Seaside's 403.

Kunde had three birdies in a six-hole stretch that gave him the edge in his battle with Lo.

"Curtis played a solid round with nothing worse than a bogey," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "Valley Catholic has a very good team this year. You can really see the work they've put in as their guys are much better than the last time I saw them."

Meanwhile, "Our other players are getting a little better each day, but we still have a ways to go to be competitive with a team

of this caliber. We will get there, it is just going to take some work. I'm starting to see some guys wanting to get better and willing to put in the time. When that happens, players always start to see some success."

The Gulls host the Seaside Invitational on Monday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Yamhill-Carlton tops Astoria, 3-2

Trailing 2-1 through five innings, Yamhill-Carlton

scored two runs in the top of the sixth for a 3-2 nonleague softball win Wednesday at Astoria.

Mollie Matthews had two of Astoria's four hits, while pitcher Mercedes Walter scattered six hits with four walks.

Two Yamhill pitchers struck out 10 batters with one walk, while the Tigers' Hailee Stephenson had two hits, including a triple.

In Cowapa League action Wednesday, Banks defeated Seaside 10-0 in five innings.

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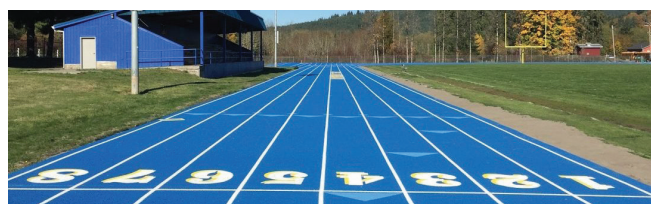
Jewell: Freshman tested positive for the virus

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He said close contacts would be isolated and quarantined, and that the school would complete a thorough cleaning and sanitation of areas where the person worked.

Phillips announced on Wednesday that the school would close the next day after a sporadic spread of virus cases outside of the preschool cohort.

The school was notified later that night that a freshman



Jewell High School

Jewell has canceled a track meet after coronavirus cases were reported at the school.

student tested positive for the virus.

"We are working closely with the family to ensure that they isolate and stay safe," Phillips said in a letter posted

on Thursday morning. "If you have a freshman in your household please pay close attention to them and any primary symptoms that they may be experiencing. If symptoms

arise please contact the health department and get them tested."

Phillips said that in light of Jewell School getting a fourth case in a matter of four days, and in consultation with the Clatsop County Public Health Department, the Oregon Health Authority and Jewell School board, the school would close to in-person instruction until early May.

A high school track-and-field meet scheduled at the school for Saturday was also canceled.

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