

IN BRIEF

Warrenton man arrested on attempted murder warrant

A Warrenton man was arrested Wednesday by the U.S. Marshals Service on an attempted murder warrant.

Sidney Ross Crawford, 61, was arrested by Warrenton police in February after he allegedly poured gasoline on another person and threatened to light them both on fire.

He was arrested for recklessly endangering another person and menacing.

Crawford was arraigned on March 11 on charges of attempted murder, arson in the first degree, unlawful use of a weapon, coercion, menacing and recklessly endangering another person.

He was released on pretrial release and required to wear a GPS ankle monitor, which stopped reporting his location on March 14.

The marshals service found Crawford in Clackamas County and he was taken to the county's jail. He will be extradited to Clatsop County.

Teenagers in county to get access to virus vaccine

Teenagers who are 16 and 17 will soon be able to get vaccinated against the coronavirus in Clatsop County.

The county announced it has received doses of the Pfizer vaccine and will begin vaccinations at clinics in Astoria on May 15 and Seaside on May 22. The Pfizer vaccine is the only one yet approved for use on people under 18.

The county has mostly been using the Moderna vaccine.

The one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine will soon be available in the county through private clinics and clinics at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria and Providence Seaside Hospital.

As of Friday, the county has administered 28,324 vaccine doses and 12,513 people were fully vaccinated. The county hopes to reach herd immunity against the virus by vaccinating about 27,500 people, or 70% percent of the population.

Three people injured in crash on Highway 101

Three people were injured in a crash Thursday afternoon on U.S. Highway 101 about three miles north of Gearhart.

Police said a vehicle heading southbound collided into a vehicle that failed to yield the right of way while turning onto the highway.

The occupants in both vehicles were taken to the hospital with injuries.

One person taken to hospital after crash on Highway 101

One person was taken to a hospital after a crash Wednesday afternoon on U.S. Highway 101 in Seaside.

Police say the driver of a vehicle heading southbound passed out behind the wheel and drifted into the northbound lane, causing a rollover crash with another vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle who passed out behind the wheel was taken to a hospital.

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DEATHS

April 29, 2021

RICKMAN, Terri, 69, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Caldwell's Funeral & Cremation Arrangement Center of Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

April 27, 2021

HANCOCK, Dorsy Jayne, 91, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Caldwell's Funeral & Cremation Arrangement Center of Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

April 26, 2021

PALTER, Noel, 88, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

THURMAN, Richard, 70, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

April 22, 2021

COLLADAY, Ellen "Shea," 54, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

ON THE RECORD

DUI

• Justin James Swearingen, 30, of Astoria, was arrested Wednesday on the Astoria Roundabout for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Knappa School District Budget Committee, 5:30 p.m., (electronic meeting).

Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

TUESDAY

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, noon, work session, (electronic meeting).

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

Astoria Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

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HEAVEN ON HORSEBACK

Charles Conrow captured this image on a horseback ride on the beach Sunday north of Loomis Lake.

Charles Conrow

County reports seven new virus cases

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Clatsop County has reported seven new coronavirus cases over the past few days.

On Friday, the county reported five cases.

The cases include a man in his 30s living in the southern part of the county. The others involve a man in

his 20s, a man in his 30s, a man in his 40s and a man in his 60s living in the northern part of the county.

All five were recovering at home.

On Thursday, the county reported two cases.

The cases involve a man and a woman in their 20s living in the northern part of the county. Both were recovering at home.

The county said two people listed in virus case reports earlier in the week — a man in his 60s whose case was reported on Monday, and a man in his 60s whose case was reported on Tuesday — have been hospitalized.

The county has recorded 946 virus cases since the start of the pandemic. According to the county, 24 have been hospitalized and eight have died.

Forum: Board has experienced high turnover

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“My goal is to get transparency,” he said. “Too many of my questions have gone unanswered by the board and staff.”

In response, Bodner explained the park district works with the highly respected accounting firm, Kern Thompson, for its audit, and the board members review financials monthly and adhere to applicable laws.

“For you to make a claim that we’re trying to hide something is unacceptable, in my opinion,” she said.

Cultivating decorum

During the forum, the incumbents provided historical context relevant to the board, which over the past few years has experienced high turnover, sexual harassment complaints against former board members, allegations of mismanagement, personal interests taking precedence over district goals and a lack of decorum.

“I feel like a survivor,” said Michael Hinton, the longest sitting board member, who is being challenged by Duhachek.

When two board members resigned last year and Bodner and Marshall-Hamer were appointed, the new group “committed ourselves to better self-governance,” Bodner said. They adopted four main values: teamwork, diverse programming, a bold vision and fiscal responsibility.

Part of that vision included



Katherine Lacaze/For The Astorian

Candidates for the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District appeared at a forum in Seaside on Thursday night. The election is May 18.

purchasing the old middle school building from the Seaside School District this year for \$2.15 million.

Evans said she believes the purchase was “well-intentioned,” but during her campaign, she said she has heard from residents who are upset by the decision. The building, which is being used for some of the district’s youth programs, will need extensive work.

“I would like to see that building be something that is useful for our community, but I have some great concerns about how you’re going to recoup those costs and offset them,” Evans said.

Morrison, who is challenging board member Katherine Parker, also expressed concern about the cost to taxpayers and a lack of information surrounding the acquisition.

“There should be a huge amount of openness,” he said. “There shouldn’t any rumors out there about what’s

of financing again to support the middle school,” Parker said.

Marshall-Hamer added that it’s “important right now to stay positive, to come together and to actually have a solution rather than continuing to talk about all the problems without doing something about it.

“Let’s be bold as a community, let’s go to the next level,” she said.

Financial concerns

In Duhachek’s opinion, park district decisions should not be made in a vacuum but with consideration for the community as a whole. For example, he said taxpayers are already paying “a hefty price” for the new school campus. He claims the park district doesn’t manage funds properly, referring to the district having a surplus that has significantly declined.

“Even when they have a surplus of funds, they continue to whittle them away,” he said.

He also took issue with some staff members seeing a substantial salary increase over four years.

Marshall-Hamer responded that stating numbers without providing context was misleading and shortsighted. The salary increase, for example, is a reflection of making adjustments according to the market and what is equitable.

“The public needs to not just take those numbers at face value, but to ask us questions,” she said.

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