

## IN BRIEF

## Girl who died after being swept out to sea near Cannon Beach identified

The girl who died last week after being swept out to sea off Cannon Beach was publicly identified by her family as Lily Pearl Markwell, 11, of Portland.

In an obituary, the family said Markwell died on Friday at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland after being pulled from the water on Thursday.

"Lily was a spirited, beautiful girl since before she was born," the obituary said. "When she wasn't reading a book (fantasy was always a favorite) she was out finding adventure — rock climbing, swimming, biking, or just playing with her siblings. Lily was a joy to be around. She was usually very straight-faced, skeptical and a little sarcastic but always kind, especially to those who were vulnerable or overlooked."

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help the family with medical and funeral expenses.

## Hikers helped off Saddle Mountain after injuries

A U.S. Coast Guard aircrew hoisted a hiker Friday after she injured her ankle near the top of Saddle Mountain.

The aircrew arrived at about 5:45 p.m. and the woman was met by medical personnel just before 7 p.m.

A similar scenario occurred Saturday when responders located an injured hiker.

According to the Hamlet Volunteer Fire Department, because of the location and poor trail conditions it was determined that carrying the patients down the hill carried significant risk and the Coast Guard was called for assistance during both rescues. Both operations were conducted efficiently and safely.

"It was the same exact scenario two days in a row," Seaside Fire Division Chief Genesee Dennis said. "Injured hikers were located almost at the very top."

The Coast Guard urges people venturing to remote areas to have reliable means of communication to reach emergency responders.

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## DEATH

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**COFFEY, Patricia Velma**, 93, of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, formerly of Astoria, died in Oak Ridge. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## MEMORIAL

Saturday, June 26

**VERNOR, Leila Mae (Hickerson)** — Memorial at 11 a.m., Seaside United Methodist Church, 241 N. Holladay Drive. Service also available via Zoom; email seasideunitedmethodist@gmail.com before noon Friday for the link. A gathering takes place after the service at 725 Second Ave. in Seaside.

## ON THE RECORD

### Assault

• **Alexander Adrian Bologna**, 31, of Seaside, was arraigned Friday on charges of assault in the second degree, unlawful use of a weapon and criminal mischief in the second degree.

• **Justin Peterson**, 38, of Warrenton, was arrested Saturday in Warrenton for assault in the fourth degree.

### Resisting arrest

• **Kristina Nieto**, 40, of Meridian, Idaho, was arrested Saturday on U.S. Highway 101 in Warrenton for attempting to elude a police officer and resisting arrest.

### Burglary

• **Christopher Lee Toole**, 24, of Seaside, was arrested Saturday in Astoria for burglary in the second degree, theft in the third degree and criminal mischief in the second degree. Police say someone threw a rock through a window at the Astoria Liquor Store early Friday morning. Toole was later found with a bottle of rum missing from the liquor store.

### DUI

• **Jake McCormic**, 35, was arrested Sunday on U.S. Highway 101 and E. Harbor Drive in Warrenton for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### TUESDAY

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

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

### WEDNESDAY

**Astoria Parks Advisory Board**, 6:45 a.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

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

**Cannon Beach City Council**, 6 p.m., work session, (electronic meeting).

### THURSDAY

**Sunset Empire Transportation District Board**, 9 a.m., budget hearing and board meeting, (electronic meeting).

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

**Cannon Beach Planning Commission**, 6 p.m., (electronic meeting).

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# OPTOG



Janet Bowler

People from the Scandinavian community gathered on Marine Drive on Saturday to help mark a modified Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. The festival was disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic.



Scott Docherty

Miss Sweden Kaisa Liljenwall was crowned Miss Scandinavia 2021. Liljenwall is studying biomedical engineering at the University of Southern California and is part of the university's Navy ROTC.



Photos by Janet Bowler

ABOVE: Loran Mathews was honored for his 50 years of volunteer service to the festival and other community groups. BELOW: The 2021 Midsummer Court was part of a flag ceremony.



# Aquaculture advocates aim to bring more fish to tables

By **BRADLEY W. PARKS**  
Oregon Public Broadcasting

While the word farm might conjure visions of corn planted in neat rows, Luke Fitzpatrick's acreage looks, feels and functions more like wetlands. Chirps and squawks emanate from the ponds covering his patch of land just a short drive from Salem.

Fitzpatrick called out avian creatures by name as he maneuvered an off-road vehicle around the farm on a sunny Thursday this spring. Stilt sandpiper. Cinnamon teal. Western meadowlark, Oregon's state bird.

He pulled to a stop, got out and dipped into a duck blind filled with decoy mallards and rolling desk chairs to gaze out over his crop growing beneath the glassy surface of the water.

"I'm tied to the land," he said. "I love it out here."

Fitzpatrick is a fish farmer. He raises and sells warm-water species like bass, bluegill, crappie and catfish through a practice called aquaculture. It's basically just farming in water, and it's used to grow a variety of finfish, shellfish and



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Luke Fitzpatrick and his mom, Kathy Bridges, walk the berms between fish ponds at Santiam Valley Ranch in Turner.

aquatic plants.

Aquaculture has become a much bigger part of the global food system in recent years. The world now produces more seafood on farms than it catches wild, by volume, and the fish farming industry is still growing rapidly.

The United States is the world's leading consumer of farmed seafood. It's also one of the smallest producers, but federal agencies and universities are investing millions of dollars in aquaculture research, development

and technology to try to change that — and some in Oregon are hoping the state can cash in.

### Starting from the bottom

Fitzpatrick's fish farm in Turner is one of the larger ones in Oregon, but his crops are mostly destined for people's ponds rather than their plates.

While shellfish aquaculture has long held a place in the Northwest, other types of fish farming have historically been tough business here — especially in the Beaver State. Oregon ranks well behind neighbors California, Washington state and Idaho in its production of food fish.

"The United States in general is kind of behind

the curve a little bit," said John Moehl, a McMinnville-based aquaculture specialist. "And Oregon, within the United States, is definitely behind the curve."

Moehl spent nearly two decades with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations facilitating aquaculture development in Central and West Africa. Aquaculture in Oregon didn't change much in that time.

That's partly because the state established rules and laws intended to protect the integrity of the oceans off its coast, estuaries and the inland waterways that twist and wind across the landscape. Both ocean mariculture and inland aquaculture

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