

IN BRIEF

County offering virus testing and vaccination

The Clatsop County Public Health Department will offer coronavirus vaccines and testing at its Astoria office starting Monday.

Testing and Moderna and Pfizer vaccines will be available by appointment Monday through Thursday. People can call 503-325-8500 to schedule an appointment.

People ages 12 to 14 must have a consent form signed by a parent or guardian. People with virus symptoms who want a test are asked to contact their primary care provider instead.

The county will continue to offer drive-thru testing on Fridays between 10 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. at the household hazardous waste facility in Astoria. No appointment is needed.

As of Wednesday, about 55% of Clatsop County residents have been vaccinated against the virus.

Clackamas County 'Moto Bandit' suspected in Astoria burglaries

Astoria police are in communication with the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office after deputies arrested a man suspected of burglarizing businesses.

Sheriff's deputies and Portland police officers arrested Dusty Baker on July 1, The Oregonian reported.

Baker, 34, is suspected of burglarizing a series of Clackamas County businesses earlier this year then riding off on a motorcycle. Authorities were able to identify Baker because of surveillance video, and each time he was seen riding away on a distinctive Harley-Davidson motorcycle, the newspaper reported.

Similar burglaries took place in June at two Astoria businesses.

Police were called to Hong Kong Restaurant and Sahara Pizza early one morning and found a rock thrown through glass doors at the businesses. Witnesses reported seeing and hearing a motorcycle near the businesses at the time of the burglaries.

Astoria police say they are still reviewing surveillance video, but are looking at Baker as a potential suspect.

Baker, who authorities referred to as the "Moto Bandit," is facing four counts of burglary in the second degree, five counts of criminal mischief in the first degree, attempting to elude a police officer, theft in the first degree and attempted burglary in the second degree.

— The Astorian

DEATHS

July 8, 2021

SHEKER, Carrie Marie, 50, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

DONOVAN, Nancy Joan, 82, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

July 6, 2021

LAKE, Ronald Glen, 68, of Astoria, died in Portland. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

THORNTON, William White, 70, of Portland, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

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June 29, 2021

GARDNER, Ryan, 29, of Seaside, died in Portland. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

June 28, 2021

SAMUEL, Connie, 73, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

June 27, 2021

WALKER, Mary Jean, 75, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

June 26, 2021

HALE, Loretta, 74, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

ON THE RECORD

Attempting to elude police

• Joshua Shipley, 20, was arrested Thursday on S.W. Ninth Street in Warrenton for attempting to elude a police officer and reckless driving.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Port of Astoria Commission, 4 p.m., Suite 209, 10 Pier 1.

Cannon Beach City Council, 6 p.m., work session, (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 of Education, 6:30 p.m., (electronic meeting).

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A NEW LOOK



Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian

Fort George Brewery repainted the old Astoria Warehousing and added the company name to the riverfront property.

Maggie's is back with new executive chef

Restaurant closed during pandemic

By R.J. MARX

The Astorian

SEASIDE — After temporarily closing for nearly a year because of impacts from the coronavirus pandemic, Maggie's on the Prom is back.

Andy and Sadie Mercer closed their doors in September because limited indoor seating made operations increasingly difficult as a result of state restrictions on dining.

The Mercers opened Maggie's in 2013 and developed it into a fine-dining experience.

The restaurant, a frequent Iron Chef Goes Coastal award winner, also serves as a community hub,

providing story nights, tastings and more. "It really is a community that embraces all of the businesses that come in as new businesses and everybody wants each other's success," Sadie Mercer said. "And that's something that was really apparent at the very beginning."

The restaurant reopened in early June, just in time for the peak tourism season, with new executive chef Jonathan Jones. He worked at Nike as executive chef for six years, traveling, catering special events and preparing dinners for superstars like Tiger Woods, LeBron James and Apple's Tim Cook.

In 2020, he and friend Adrin Morrison eyed opening their own restaurant on the coast. They quit their jobs and moved out of Portland with a deal lined up.

"We came here to open here," Jones said. "And then this thing called COVID-19 happened."

The deal fell through. They pressed the refresh button, surf- and deep-sea-fishing, crabbing, clamming and exploring for local mushrooms and delicacies.

A meeting with the Mercers proved fateful.

Jones took the top chef role and Morrison became events coordinator, managing the company's White Cap Catering and the Seaside Ballrooms at the Shilo Inn.

"We came here to open a business, but found Sadie and Andy and we've meshed together," Jones said.

Jones flipped the menu at Maggie's, creating an all-new lunch, happy hour and dinner menu. Ori-

nally from Tucson, Arizona, he brought a Latin-inspired influence to dishes like smoked salmon taquitos and chorizo sliders, alongside new takes on regional classics, like tapioca-crusted halibut, spring Chinook, black cod and prime Painted Hills New York steak.

Jones makes everything but the bread, he said, making charcuterie, sauces, stocks and pasta in the kitchen. Brisket is smoked in 50-gallon cookers on the side of the restaurant.

"I'm super excited to be here," Jones said. "I can't say it enough. This is the coolest town. I'm from Tucson. This is just like Tucson but on the beach. I love it. I just want to blow this place up and have a great time. Just keep the energy going."

New reporter welcomes Astoria with open arms

Myers graduated from Linfield University

By GRIFFIN REILLY

The Astorian

Looking to continue a theme of broadening his horizons as a writer, Ethan Myers found The Astorian.

Myers, who graduated from Linfield University in May, will cover the Port of Astoria, Warrenton and business topics.

Growing up in Spokane, Washington, Myers admits he had no clue what he wanted to do upon graduating high school. Math didn't seem to make sense anymore. Science was a no-go. And although he played tennis at the collegiate level, he thought his dreams of becoming a professional athlete might be a bit far-fetched.

Writing, however, was something that stuck out.

"I was always a good writer," Myers said. "But I never had that realization that I could do something with that."

It wasn't until Myers took a class on news media at Spokane Falls Community College that he could visualize a career path that allowed him to utilize his talents in writing. Journalism wasn't just presenting the news each day, rather a way to be a voice for his community.

"I had a professor who really changed my perspective on the whole industry," Myers said. "He helped me realize this is really something I want to do."

Myers transferred to and eventually graduated from Linfield, where he majored in journalism. At Linfield, he wrote for the student newspaper, The Linfield Review, and covered a variety of topics from sports to clubs to administrative changes.

Myers' coverage of campus outrage following a tenured professor's dismissal from Linfield in May drew national attention. The story, which detailed a rift between the university president and a professor critical of school leadership, was picked up by

major outlets like The New York Times.

While stressful, Myers said the piece is indicative of the kind of work he hopes to do more of in the future. It also highlights the power of hard-hitting journalism in tight-knit communities.

The nature of Astoria, Myers said, seems to mirror what he observed in both McMinnville and Spokane. With The Astorian, he hopes to showcase the plights and successes of small businesses, something that he believes to be a crucial pillar to any community, regardless of size.

"It's really important to speak to and represent small businesses and restaurants," Myers said. "Give them that voice."

As the North Coast rebounds from the coronavirus pandemic, Myers is up for the challenge of covering it.

"I really want to look to get out of my comfort zone, and I think this is the perfect place to do it," he said.



Ethan Myers

Summer intern assigned to The Astorian

Reilly graduated from the University of Oregon

By ETHAN MYERS

The Astorian

Growing up with Washington, D.C., next door and two parents involved with advertising in Los Angeles, Griffin Reilly quickly became familiar with journalism.

When he got to the University of Oregon, the choice of a major was easy.

"I never considered a second major, for better or for worse," Reilly said.

He minored in sports business and comparative literature.

Reilly graduated in June and joined The Astorian through the Snowden internship program, which is offered through the university.

According to the program, he was placed at The

Astorian due to his person-to-person skills that could translate well into a small community.

During his time at the University of Oregon, Reilly was both a writer and the editor-in-chief for the award-winning magazine, FLUX. He also contributed as a digital coordinator, which advanced the publication's online format.

Although Reilly has spent much of his time writing long-form articles, he hopes to improve his writing brevity and ability to consider

dense complicated topics during his time as an intern.

"Focusing on something and simplifying it is what I really want to get better at," he said.

Reilly trusts his writing but knows that journalism is much more than just being a strong writer.

"I want to do anything and everything," he said. "I don't know my own abilities that well yet."



Griffin Reilly

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