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Thank you and goodbye

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As the North Coast, the Long Beach Peninsula and the rest of the world continue adjusting into the newest stage of the coronavirus pandemic, an abundance of change is present on the coast.

The coastal arts and entertainment scene has continued to adapt during the past year-and-a-half. When venues closed, shows were held virtually. After events were initially canceled in March 2020, they were adapted to be held virtually or under

social distancing guidelines. Rather than focusing on individual needs, the arts community rallied together in many ways — even collaborating through a regional coalition of arts organizations.

As events calendars continue to be dusted off and filled up, in-person gatherings, shows and events are being held once again. The local arts and entertainment scene is in good hands and will continue to thrive, thanks to the support of organization leaders and local residents.

This is my last issue as editor of Coast Weekend. After living in the area for three years and working at both the Chinook Observer and The Astorian, I've been priv-

ileged to learn about local residents and help tell stories of importance. I'm thankful for my experience as a local journalist, whether I was covering a city council meeting on the Long Beach Peninsula or interviewing a regional artist for a profile story.

The next editor of Coast Weekend will soon take over and make an announce-

ment in a future edition of Coast Weekend. Please continue sending event information, story ideas and questions to editor@coastweekend.com.

Thank you all for your help and support during my tenure as editor of Coast Weekend. It's been an honor to serve the community and help inform you about regional arts and entertainment.

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Luana Stauffer stands next to her self portrait, 'The Swimmer,' which depicts Hawaii. PHOTO BY PATRICK WEBB



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