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## ON THE RIVER



Photos by Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** Dozens of fishermen braved the rain and wind to catch salmon in the Columbia River on Friday morning. The Buoy 10 season opened on Aug. 1. People return to the Hammond Marina after a morning of fishing. A fisherman wades out into the water off of Social Security Beach in Fort Stevens State Park.



## New principal puts students first

Smith has held a variety of roles in education

By **GRIFFIN REILLY**  
*The Astorian*

Along with her packed lunch, Nicole Smith is bringing 21 years of experience in education into her role as the new principal of Lewis and Clark Elementary School.

Smith has worked in a variety of roles in education, most recently in the Tigard-Tualatin School District. As a teacher, literacy specialist, Title I coordinator and building equity coordinator, she's seen the many sides of education that leave a mark on students beyond books.

This circuitous path, she said, has always been with the goal of remaining flexible and adding to her toolbox of strategies so she



**Nicole Smith is the new principal at Lewis and Clark Elementary School.**

**EVERYDAY people**

could one day serve as a principal.

"About every four to six years I try to shift my position a little bit," Smith said. "From teaching abroad to dealing with COVID-19, it's taught me that resiliency."

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## Local farmer loses home in July blaze



Joshua Bessex/The Astorian

**Jeff Trenary has been a longtime vendor at the Astoria Sunday Market.**

Trenary known for his organic produce

By **GRIFFIN REILLY**  
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Jeff Trenary had no choice but to sit and watch his home of 35 years burn to the ground.

A local organic farmer and the owner of Kingfisher Farms, Trenary had spent the previous day doing what he always does — sell-

ing produce at a farmers market in Manzanita. Tired from a long day and still recovering from a broken arm, he went to sleep early that night. At around 2 a.m. on July 24, he awoke to the smell of smoke, which was coming from a fire in his basement.

After trying to fight the blaze with a fire extinguisher and garden hose, Trenary realized it was time to save himself.

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## GEARHART

## Survey shows support for firehouse plan

City looks at site off Highlands Lane

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**GEARHART** — The majority of residents who participated in a city survey agree with the city's plan to build a new firehouse near Highlands Lane and U.S. Highway 101.

The city has identified the site on the Cottages at Gearhart dune to relocate the aging firehouse on Pacific Way that is vulnerable to an earthquake and tsunami.

Of the 554 responses to the survey, about 65% said they agree with the city.

About 60% said they would support the necessary bond financing in a November election to pay for a new firehouse.

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