

## IN BRIEF

## Salmon fishing restricted on the Columbia River

Oregon fishery managers announced closures to all salmon fishing on the Columbia River below Bonneville Dam to protect tule Chinook salmon.

Beginning Saturday, all angling for and retention of salmon and steelhead is closed from Tongue Point to Warrior Rock. Beginning Tuesday, the same rules will go into effect from Warrior Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam.

Fishing has been good, according to fishery managers, but fishermen used up available tule Chinook allocations below the dam, leading to the closure.

“Coho and upriver fall Chinook are doing well and are a bright spot for Columbia River runs this year,” Tucker Jones, Columbia River manager for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, said in a statement. “We will monitor and update fish runs, and, if possible, will strive to reopen these areas for salmon fishing as soon as we can.”

Oregon closed Chinook retention in the popular Buoy 10 fishery last week because of impacts on tule Chinook. Coho fishing remains open from Buoy 10 to Tongue Point.

On Thursday, Washington state fishery managers announced further conservation-related restrictions on steelhead fishing amid record low returns to the Columbia River basin.

## Jewell School District reports coronavirus case

The Jewell School District reported that a staff member had tested positive for the coronavirus.

In a post on the school district’s website, Superintendent Steve Phillips said the school conducted contact tracing and notified people who may have to quarantine. Students returned to school for in-person classes on Monday.

## Offices close for Labor Day

In observance of Labor Day on Monday, all federal, state, county and city offices and services, including Astoria, Warrenton, Gearhart, Seaside and Cannon Beach city halls, are closed. All U.S. post offices are closed, and there is no mail delivery.

Astoria, Jewell, Knappa, Warrenton/Hammond and Seaside school districts will be closed. Clatsop Community College is also closed.

The Astoria Library, Seaside Library and Warrenton Library will be closed.

The Port of Astoria’s business offices will be closed, but the marina will remain open.

The Astoria Aquatic Center is open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Sunset Pool in Seaside will be open from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Columbia River Maritime Museum, Seaside Museum, Clatsop County Heritage Museum, Oregon Film Museum, Flavel House and Carriage House will be open. The Uppertown Firefighters’ Museum is closed.

The Sunset Empire Transportation District (“The Bus”) will be running.

Lil’ Sprouts is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

— *The Astorian*

## DEATH

Sept. 2, 2021

VAN ESS, Connie, 83, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

## BIRTH

Aug. 11, 2021

CRUZ, Christopher and Jocelyn, of Olympia, Washington, a girl, Penelope Camille Cruz, born at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia. Grandparents are Joe and Heather Jenson, of Astoria, Telisa Bustamante and Eddie Alder, of Longview, Washington, Chris Cruz, of Bend, and Glen Burnett, of Myrtle Creek.

## ON THE RECORD

## Strangulation

• Mitchell John Bye, 30, of Warrenton, was sentenced to five years in prison for strangulation and unlawful use of a weapon. He committed the crimes in April 2020.

## Sexual abuse

• Luis Alberto Rodriguez Ramon, 30, of Astoria, was indicted on June

22 on two counts of sexual abuse in the first degree.

## Unlawful entry

• Vincent David Davidson-Gilbert, 32, of Brownsmead, was arrested Wednesday at his home on Anderson Lane for unlawful entry into a motor vehicle in Aldrich Point. The break-in was reported the day before.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

## TUESDAY

**Seaside Community Center Commission**, 10 a.m., 1225 Avenue A.

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

**Seaside Library Board of Directors**, 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway.

**Seaside Planning Commission**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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

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## Gearhart drafts fireworks ban

## Police and fire officials oppose idea

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*The Astorian*

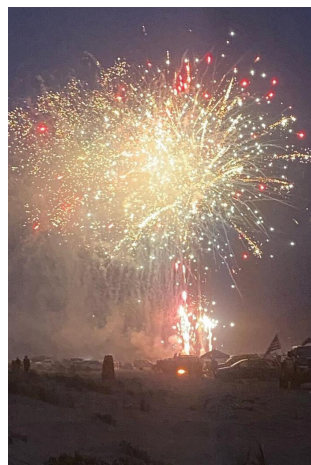
GEARHART — The City Council heard a plea to support a ban on fireworks.

“Yes, fireworks could be a tradition. But fireworks cause harm to many in our community,” Bebe Michel, a resident, said at Wednesday’s meeting. “Our freedom to shoot off fireworks ends when it causes harm to others. With freedom comes responsibility and consideration for each other. Let’s look for better ways to celebrate.”

Michel’s comments echo those heard from other residents in July. In response, city staff put together a draft ordinance banning fireworks.

Violators could be subject to a maximum fine of \$500 per day.

Possessing or discharging any fireworks would be prohibited without the writ-



Jeff TerHar

Fireworks on the beach in Gearhart on the Fourth of July.

ten permission of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department manager of the beach area.

The ban would not extend past the urban growth boundary. That would mean the Palisades, the Highlands and the beach would not be affected, City Administrator Chad Sweet said.

The ban could prohibit sparklers, wheels and torches,

along with aerial devices like rockets and Roman candles. Firecrackers, noisemakers and “chasers” that travel along the ground could also be prohibited.

In correspondence, police and fire officials opposed the ordinance.

“The City Council can pass an ordinance or not, but it will not stop the discharging of illegal fireworks,” Police Chief Jeff Bowman said. “The logic of making something illegal so it will stop illegal actions does not make sense.”

Families normally are not reckless in nature as they don’t want any of their family members or friends injured, Bowman said. “Nor do they want their neighborhood catching on fire,” he said. “The fireworks are generally set off in the street with little chance that anything will catch on fire. And since the discarded fireworks are in front of their residence, they generally clean it up.”

Interim Fire Chief Josh Como said firefighters and

police cannot seize or write fines for fireworks unless witnessing them being set off.

“Creating this ordinance will only hurt the core of the city of Gearhart, the people that are recreating safely, where legal fireworks have not been a threat or harm to the public or had fire department issues with legal fireworks,” Como said.

This year, out of 25 calls on the Fourth of July, none were directly related to illegal fireworks, he said.

“Placing a fireworks ban into effect will create a greater strain in which we will not be able to handle the extra threat dune grass fires, as well as structure fires, present,” Como said.

Mayor Paulina Cockrum and City Councilor Dan Jesse, Councilor Kerry Smith and Councilor Brent Warren voted to consider a proposed draft of the ordinance at a work session tentatively scheduled for November. City Councilor Reita Fackerell voted against considering the draft.

## Military: Surge continues to take toll on health care workers

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In August, Gov. Kate Brown announced the deployment of up to 1,500 National Guard personnel to support health care workers across the state.

Columbia Memorial will place the National Guard in environmental services, the emergency department, security, materials and food services, according to Nancee Long, the hospital’s director of communications.

Some of the National Guard will also be used at Clatsop County’s virus testing site at Camp Rilea, Long said.

At Providence Seaside, areas of support will include access monitoring, temporary screeners, transporters and environmental services.

The arrival of the National Guard at Seaside’s hospital is “just part of the rollout that’s been initiated in phases — support went to the areas most in need first,” said Mike

Antrim, a spokesman for Providence Seaside.

The surge of virus cases continues to take a toll on health care workers, said Mary Romanaggi, an emergency department nurse in Seaside.

“As far as the atmosphere at the hospital with all of the caregivers, we are spent,” she said.

People with symptoms of COVID-19 come daily to the emergency department. “Not every patient that we see

with COVID symptoms gets admitted, but it is every day, all day, that we care for this population, and yes, most are unvaccinated,” Romanaggi said. “We’re tired and short-staffed. I would welcome the National Guard.”

The Oregon Health Authority reported six new virus cases for the county on Friday and 27 new virus cases on Thursday. Since the pandemic began, the county had recorded 1,913 virus cases and 21 deaths as of Friday.

## Deaths: Coronavirus case count continues to climb

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“The state is getting overwhelmed with having to process death certificates, which is why some of these are taking a while to get posted,” said Tom Bennett, a county spokesman.

The county said a 67-year-old woman died Aug. 28 at a local hospital.

A 91-year-old woman who tested positive for the virus on Aug. 4 died on Aug. 25 at her

residence, according to the state.

An 88-year-old man died of the virus on Aug. 24 at his residence.

A 95-year-old man tested positive for the virus on Aug. 12 and died on Aug. 22 at his residence, according to the state.

A 97-year-old woman tested positive for the virus on Aug. 10 and died on Aug. 21 at her residence, according to the state.

A 75-year-old woman died of the virus on Aug. 13 at her residence.

A 72-year-old woman died of the virus on Aug. 13 at her residence.

A 44-year-old man who

first became positive on Aug. 3 died on Aug. 11 at a local hospital, according to the state and county.

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