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Portion of aging causeway at East Mooring Basin collapses

No injuries were reported

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A portion of the aging causeway at the East Mooring Basin collapsed on Tuesday afternoon, sending debris into the water and knocking out power for

boats and navigation lights.

The Port of Astoria closed the causeway in 2018 because of a severely rotting substructure. The span was used by fishermen and other boat owners to access their vessels and was a popular place to get close-up views of sea lions that take over sections of the docks.

"We'll probably know more in the next couple of days, but right now, the

main thing is, obviously, it's fortunate that there were no people involved in terms of injuries or casualties," said Will Isom, the Port's executive director.

The collapse caused damage to a breaker box, which took out power that supplies boats and the navigation lights on the breakwater.

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Shelley von Colditz

Part of the East Mooring Basin causeway collapsed into the water.



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Katie Davidson, left, and Andria Zippler, both part of the housekeeping staff at the Campfire Hotel in Bend, work on cleaning a room together after a guest checked out in September.

VACCINE MANDATE

Warrenton mayor warns firefighters will quit

Balensifer pens letter to Brown

By **ERICK BENDEL**
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WARRENTON — Mayor Henry Balensifer has warned Gov. Kate Brown that he will be forced to declare an emergency and ask for help from the Oregon National Guard or other state resources if the city's firefighters quit over the governor's coronavirus vaccine mandate.

Most of the city's firefighters are unvaccinated and a significant portion have indicated they will not get a COVID-19 vaccine by Brown's Oct. 18 deadline for health care workers, teachers and other school staff.

In a letter to Brown on Friday, Balensifer asked the governor for an exemption for volunteer firefighters. The mayor explained that the fire department not only protects lives and property from fires, but responds to emergency medical service calls.

"While the delta variant rages on, and hospitals see the worst thus far, there is a demand to act — which you've taken," Balensifer wrote. "However, while this insidious disease creates hospital capacity issues and deaths — far more people in our city, county and state die from strokes, heart attacks and other causes that require fast attention from EMS providers.

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Hotel workers pitch in to cover labor shortage

By **SUZANNE ROIG**
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BEND — The difference was obvious, even to the casual observer: Summer tourism was far busier this year than it was in 2020 — the first year of the pandemic.

But keeping up with demand during Oregon's labor shortage undermined businesses that hoped to rebound. They had more customers to serve, but far too few workers to serve them.

At the Campfire Hotel on N.E. Third Street, even the hotel manager was pitching in stripping beds, said Daniel Elder, the hotel's general manager. Even taking some of the 100 rooms offline, everyone who worked at the Bend hotel had to pitch in. Overtime pay was offered, but the hotel never was able to get fully staffed by the end of summer to make all rooms available for rent.

"I knew what the challenges would be," Elder said. "It was difficult to get applicants. I'd call and email the people who had applied, but often they would not

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For some restaurant workers, the pandemic was a catalyst for change

Workers changed careers during disruption

By **ETHAN MYERS**
The Astorian

Hundreds of people who worked in restaurants and bars on the North Coast were laid off when the coronavirus pandemic first hit.

Many looked for other service sector jobs or collected extended unemployment benefits while waiting to reenter the workforce.

But some, like Josie Lilly, used the interruption as an opportunity to change careers. "After three months, I was just like, 'OK, it's time

to do something different. I'm not gonna sit around and wait to go back to this industry,'" she said.

Last spring, Gallup researchers found that 48% of U.S. workers were actively job searching or watching for opportunities. Younger workers, in particular, are looking for change. A Washington Post-Schar School poll in July found that 1 in 3 workers under 40 considered changing their occupations during the pandemic.

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Consejo Hispano director takes on statewide role

New job comes amid some criticism over direction

By **KATIE FRANKOWICZ**
The Astorian

The executive director for a nonprofit that serves Clatsop County's Hispanic community is taking on a new role.



Jenny Pool Radway, hired in 2019 to lead Consejo Hispano, announced she will become the executive director at Causa Oregon. At the larger organization, she will be able to advocate for immigrant communities at the state and national levels, she said.

"I appreciate the board and staff's confidence in me," Pool

Radway said in a statement, "and I'm honored to have the opportunity to lead Causa and to continue serving mi comunidad in this new capacity.

"I will be able to continue in the work that is so important to me: building power within the Latinx immigrant community."

The change in jobs comes as some former Consejo Hispano board members and people in the Hispanic community have expressed frustration with the nonprofit's board and Pool Radway. Four board members

stepped down this year as a result.

The group had requested a mediator to work through communication issues with the board and also called for Pool Radway's removal.

The Consejo Hispano board is proceeding with a facilitator to give people a chance to express any concerns in a confidential manner, but they stand behind Pool Radway, said Rosa Gilbert, the board's president.

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Most school staff in the county are vaccinated

State ordered vaccination by mid-October

By **ETHAN MYERS**
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Most school staff in Clatsop County are vaccinated against the coronavirus.

At a news conference Wednesday morning, school district superintendents gave updates on vaccination rates and the precautions schools are taking to reduce the spread of the virus as in-person classes resumed in the new school year.

Gov. Kate Brown has required teachers and other school staff to be vaccinated by Oct. 18. The mandate is intended to help keep schools open to in-person classes and reduce the risk to students under 12 who are not yet eligible for COVID-19 vaccines.

Superintendent Craig Hoppes, of Astoria, and Superintendent Susan Penrod,

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