

## IN BRIEF

## Vaccine clinics planned for children

Children 5 and up from the Seaside School District, as well as their family members, can get the Pfizer vaccine against the coronavirus from noon to 4 p.m. on Wednesday at Seaside High School.

Appointments can be scheduled online. Parents must help students 14 and younger fill out the paperwork. This clinic is co-sponsored by Providence Seaside Hospital.

Children in that age group can also get the vaccine this Wednesday, and on Dec. 1, at Haystack Gardens in Cannon Beach. These clinics are sponsored by Consejo Hispano and Oregon Health Authority.

Vaccines will be available to children 5 and older at Medical Teams International's clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday at Clatsop Community College in Astoria.

In addition, people 12 and older can get a free vaccine from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday at the Clatsop County Resource Fair. The event, held at the Columbia River Maritime Museum's Barbey Maritime Center in Astoria, will also feature music, food and food boxes — all free.

Free transportation is available through Sunset Empire Transportation District. The event is sponsored by the Oregon State University Extension Service and Consejo Hispano.

For information about vaccine clinics, contact the Clatsop County Public Information Call Center at 503-325-8500.

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## DEATHS

**Nov. 7, 2021**  
WELLS, June M., 94, of Prineville, formerly of Warrenton, died in Bend. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**Nov. 6, 2021**  
JESSEN, Edward Wayne, 81, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**KELLY, Joseph John,** 73, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**Nov. 5, 2021**  
DESPER, Delbert Olen, 78, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**Nov. 4, 2021**  
HIPPENSTEEL, Gail Marie, 63, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**Nov. 3, 2021**  
ROGERS, Joshua Aaron, 43, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## MEMORIAL

## Friday, Nov. 12

**FORBUSH, Katherine Anne** — Funeral service at 10 a.m., Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 630 Seventh Ave N. in Edmonds, Washington.

## ON THE RECORD

**Assault**  
• Justin Alan Yawgel, 27, of Astoria, was indicted on May 27 for assault in the fourth degree and harassment. The alleged crimes took place in April.

**Mail theft**  
• Lacey Ann Meneguzzi, 26, of Astoria, was indicted on Oct. 21

for 20 counts of mail theft. The alleged crimes took place earlier that month.

**DUI**  
• Daniela Perez-Ambrosio, 24, of Astoria, was arrested on Sunday at Marine Drive and Sixth Street in Astoria for driving under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

## TUESDAY

**Clatsop County Planning Commission,** 10 a.m., (electronic meeting).

**Cannon Beach City Council,** 6 p.m., work session, (electronic meeting).

**Lewis & Clark Fire Department,** 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,** 6:30 p.m., (electronic meeting).

## WEDNESDAY

**Clatsop Soil and Water Conservation District Board,** 10 a.m., (electronic meeting).

**Seaside City Council,** 5:30 p.m., workshop on business licenses, City Hall, 989 Broadway.

**Clatsop County Board of Commissioners,** 6 p.m., (electronic meeting).

**Astoria School District Board,** 7 p.m., (electronic meeting).

## THURSDAY

**Clatsop Care Health District Board,** 3 p.m., strategic planning meeting, (electronic meeting).

**Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission,** 5 p.m., 415 First Ave.

## AFTER-SCHOOL HELP

A popular new after-school program is growing at the Dylan Jude Harrell Community Center at the Grays Harbor College facility in Ilwaco.

Luke Whittaker/Chinook Observer

## County reports 29th virus death

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Clatsop County has reported a 29th death related to the coronavirus.

A 79-year-old man died on Oct. 31 at a local hospital, the county

said. He had been vaccinated against COVID-19.

The county also said a 53-year-old woman who died from the virus on Oct. 13 at a local hospital was unvaccinated. She was the county's 28th virus death.

The Oregon Health Authority, meanwhile, reported 17 new virus cases for the county over the weekend and three new virus cases on Friday. Since the pandemic began, the county had recorded 2,508 virus cases as of Monday.

## Hotelier: Anticipates approaching state for tax credits

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"I'm happy to get the building in my portfolio," Khan said. "I think it has huge potential."

Other investors include engineer Mark Mead, hotel builder Ryan Keck, of Pine Ridge Global, and Rhanman Tahmidur, of Gilbert Hospitality LLC.

In the first year, Khan plans to make needed utility and roof repairs and develop a more uniform, symmetrical design style.

"Our goal is to fulfill the building's historical value to create an experience for the city, to bring customers and to enjoy the building," Khan said. "We will keep the vibe — there's no question about it."

While a design has yet to be delivered, the hotel could come with an upstairs lobby, bistro, coffee shop and rooftop restaurant, catering to a high-end audience. Rooms could have small kitchens and living areas.

Khan said he expects the new hotel to open in 2023.

Renovation costs could come to an additional \$3.5 million, making the investment exceed \$6 million.

Owners hope to work



Gilbert Inn Hotel

**Gilbert Block Hotel at the time of construction.**

with the city and the Seaside Museum & Historical Society to offer multimedia displays highlighting the history of Seaside, with photos, videos and memorabilia dating back to the 1800s. "We want to bring small-town history to the world," Khan said.

Steve Wright, the president of the Seaside Museum and a city councilor, said the building is among the oldest commercial buildings in the city.

"I trust that Mr. Khan will very likely enhance the look of the building, as he has done with other Seaside properties that he has renovated," Wright said.

Khan anticipates approaching the state for historic renovation tax credits through Restore Oregon.

French-born Alexandre Gilbert was a veteran of the Franco-Prussian War in 1870

before following business interests to San Francisco.

According to Gilbert Inn Hotel history, learning in 1881 that land was cheap in Oregon, Gilbert and his wife, Emma, moved north to Astoria. Struck by the rugged beauty of the Oregon Coast and the resemblance to his native France, he saw great potential and spent the next 54 years helping to develop businesses, property and communities.

Gilbert moved to Seaside in 1890 and was elected mayor in 1912.

Gilbert rebuilt the four-block Gilbert District at the intersection of Broadway and Holladay after a 1912 fire destroyed most of the city's downtown. The Gilbert Block Building was completed in 1914.

Gilbert later donated the land for the Promenade. He

died in 1935 at age 90. After Gilbert died, his heirs sold his real estate holdings.

The section of the Gilbert Block Building along the Necanicum River was built in the 1940s.

In 2002, Avery Loschen and Will Perkins acquired the building at a time when the area was looking for a revival, with more empty storefronts than occupied ones.

During the past two decades, the Gilbert District has become a cultural and shopping destination for locals and tourists, anchored by Beach Books and the Fair-weather House and Gallery.

Khan anticipates an early January groundbreaking at the property, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the hotel and his other real estate endeavors along S. Holladay.

Mayor Jay Barber said he was excited about the recent purchase.

"Masudur's plans to revitalize the block by supporting the current retail tenants while upgrading the historical appearance of the facade are reassuring," he said. "... I am hoping that his dream and vision for the property in the heart of Seaside's business district will all come to fruition."

## Highway: Three-lane design could make it safer

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Costs to improve crossing at the intersection of the highway and Pacific Way is projected at \$2.1 million.

Gearhart's stretch of Highway 101 has safety issues for highway users and is not comfortable for people walking, biking and crossing the highway, Shonkwiler said.

"It's difficult for people whether they're on foot, on a bike or in a vehicle to make turning movements to get across the highway and get to the residences and their businesses," he said.

In conversations with Police Chief Jeff Bowman and the community, what people really desired were safe and comfortable places for people to move up and down the corridor, Shonkwiler said.

The three-lane design could make it safer for both vehicles and pedestrians.

"In addition to this, we have a slew of pedestrian crossings that are planned throughout the corridor," Shonkwiler said. "We wouldn't likely have all of these installed but we want to know from the community

which ones are the priorities, and should we actually pursue an engineering judgment to see what's feasible."

The Department of Transportation's website offers a virtual tour, with an interactive guide to difficult crossings, areas of speeding, flooding concerns and turning crashes.

"We are about halfway done with the facility plan," Shonkwiler said. "We had a round of public outreach earlier this year and got a lot of good feedback on what the issues were in the corridor and right now we're coming

up with a couple of different alternatives that we can give to council and give to the public."

At that point, the city and the state will come up with a draft, followed by additional public comment. "Then I go back to the director of the Oregon Transportation Commission and then get this adopted," Shonkwiler said.

An online open house is available through Nov. 24, with an opportunity for people who live in or travel through Gearhart to share information and offer feedback.

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## Offices to close for Veterans Day

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

Astoria, Jewell, Knappa, Warrenton/Hammond and Seaside (including Cannon Beach and Gearhart) school district schools, and Clatsop Community College,

are closed.

The Astoria Library, Seaside Library and Warrenton Library are closed.

The Port of Astoria offices and services are closed.

Garbage collection through Recology Western Oregon and the city of Warrenton garbage collection are not affected by the holiday. Recology Western Oregon's transfer station is open.

The Sunset Pool in Seaside is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Astoria Aquatic Center is open from 7 to

11 a.m. and 3 to 7 p.m.

The Clatsop County Heritage Museum and the Oregon Film Museum are open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; the Flavel House Museum is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the Carriage House is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Uppertown Firefighters'

Museum is closed.

Sprouts Learning Center is closed. Fort Clatsop is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Columbia River Maritime Museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunset Empire Transportation ("The Bus") is running.

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