

IN BRIEF

State reports 10 new virus cases for county

The Oregon Health Authority reported 10 new coronavirus cases for Clatsop County on Friday.

Since the pandemic began, the county had recorded 4,457 virus cases as of Friday.

Seaside developer jumps into bagel experience

SEASIDE — Masudur Khan, the co-owner of Seaside Lodging LLC, purchased the Gilbert Block Building late last year.

Last week, he announced another downtown investment with the purchase of Bagels by the Sea, the iconic bagel shop on Holladay Drive. The seller was Seastar & Associates LLC. Kathryn and Tracey Johnson are members.

The sales price was \$1.2 million.

At Bagels by the Sea, all bagels and sandwiches are made on premises. Plans include more staff, an expanded menu, more days and hours of operation.

"I just got it because I liked it," Khan said. "The food is good. We're not changing anything, just hoping to give you a little bit better experience."

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DEATH

Feb. 19, 2022

AHO, Edward Helge, 94, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

Saturday, Feb. 26

FERGUSON, Janet "Jan" Kay (Simonsen) — Celebration of life from 1 to 3 p.m., Gateway Masonic Lodge, 66 S.W. Fourth St. in Warrenton.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

• Earl Willard Soule, 76, of Ilwaco, Washington, was arrested on Jan. 31 for driving under the influence of intoxicants. Driving northbound on the Astoria Bridge, he allegedly struck a car in front of him.

• William Patrick Hargrave, 64, of Portland, was arrested on Jan. 29 on U.S. Highway 26 for DUII and reckless driving.

• Mikko Petri Jaakola, 24, of Astoria, was arrested on Jan. 28 near the roundabout in Astoria for DUII.

• Calin Wormdahl, 27, of Warrenton, was arrested on Jan. 26 at U.S. Highway 101 Business and Wireless Road for DUII.

• David Lawrence King, 66, of Lake Oswego, was arrested on Jan. 25 on U.S. Highway 26 for DUII, reckless driving and recklessly endangering another person.

• Claire Michelle Mittelstet, 47, of Astoria, was

arrested on Jan. 19 near U.S. Highway 101 and Dellmoor Loop in Warrenton for DUII, reckless driving and recklessly endangering another person. Driving north on U.S. Highway 101, Mittelstet allegedly veered into the southbound lane and caused a car crash.

• Randy Lee Phillips, 28, of Longview, Washington, was arrested on Jan. 16 on U.S. Highway 101 for DUII and reckless driving.

• Norbel Lopez Sereno, 36, of Astoria, was arrested on Jan. 7 for DUII, reckless driving and two counts of recklessly endangering a person. Driving south on the Astoria Bridge in a Chevy Camaro, Sereno allegedly crossed into the northbound lane, causing a multiple-vehicle crash.

• David Alan Chamberlee, 50, of Kelso, Washington, was arrested on Jan. 3 on U.S. Highway 30 for DUII. He was involved in a single-vehicle crash.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Clatsop County Planning Commission and Countywide Advisory Committee, 9 a.m., joint meeting, (electronic meeting).

Cannon Beach City Council, 5 p.m., work session, (electronic meeting).

Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District Board, 5:15 p.m., 1225 Ave. A, Seaside.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

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

WEDNESDAY

Astoria Parks Board, 6:45 a.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

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

Knappa School District Board, 6:30 p.m., Knappa High School Library, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30.

THURSDAY

Sunset Empire Transportation District Board, 9 a.m., (electronic meeting).

Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning Advisory Committee, 1 p.m., (electronic meeting).

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Pacific Way Bakery and Cafe owners to lease famed restaurant

A gathering spot in Gearhart

By R.J. MARX
The Astorian

GEARHART — A lucky few stopped by Valentine's Day for the chocolate-dipped shortbread cookies. Others set clocks for early mornings on the weekend to get there in time for the chicken pot pie and veggie tart. For those who waited in lines for favorites like apple turnovers, raisin snails or chocolate croissants, it was always worth it.

This month, Pacific Way Bakery and Cafe owners Lisa and John Allen announced they will be leasing the iconic bakery to Jennifer and Alan Arora, of Lake Oswego.

"We are beyond ecstatic that we have found a wonderful couple to take on the Pacific Way Bakery and Cafe," Lisa Allen posted on Instagram. "Join us in giving them a warm welcome."

The Allens opened at the corner of Cottage and Pacific Way in the late 1980s. The restaurant gained favor with locals, visitors and foodies from all over, attracting glowing reviews from leading food and wine publications.

The bakery, with its signature items designed and prepared by Lisa Allen, became a social headquarters, with visitors and regulars alike engaged in conversation and issues of the day.

At the start of the coronavirus pandemic, the restaurant closed, but the Allens



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reopened the bakery, and with only themselves as staff, found success as a bakery and micro-market.

They have been in negotiations with the Aroras for

about six months, John Allen said. "He first approached me last summer, so we've been working on it slowly and quietly here. It all finally came together a couple of

weeks ago. As far as I know, he's planning on reopening the bakery immediately, or fairly immediately, and then also getting the restaurant back up and running, too."

The Allens plan on assisting the family with the reopening.

"Then I plan to relax after 35 years of being on call, 24/7, 365 days a year," John Allen said.

Lisa Allen will hang up her apron for good, her husband said. "I don't know what she's going to be up to, but for now we're going to try to figure out what it's like not to work 70, 80 hours a week," he said.

Hauke: 'Had more friends than anyone in Astoria'

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The market was passed down to Skip Hauke's father, Eric. The Haukes teamed with United Grocers Inc. in 1965, becoming an independently-owned Sentry market. During that time, Skip Hauke worked delivering groceries in a pickup truck across town and to fishing boats. The market was passed down to Skip Hauke in 1976.

In 2002, after competition from larger stores like Costco and Fred Meyer became too much, Hauke sold the store to Safeway.

"(The grocery) was in his blood," said Kevin Leahy, the executive director of Clatsop Economic Development Resources. "Just the love he had for that business and his customers ... The employees adored him."

Darwin Meiners, who worked as a manager of Hauke's Sentry Market for over two decades, said Hauke was always fair and honest with his workers.

"You won't find a finer person around in my opinion," Meiners said. "Probably one of my very best friends — like a father figure to me."

Hauke made countless donations in the name of the market to organizations and people across the city.

"When you have a grocery store, you do a lot of that stuff for business purposes, but it was just in his heart," said Steve Fick, the owner of Fishhawk Fisheries and a friend of Hauke's. "That was the kind of person he was, and that's why he's going to have such a strong legacy in this community."

Chamber role

Just a few years after he sold the family grocery store, Hauke took on the leadership role at the chamber of commerce.

It was his dream job, Leahy said.

The chamber's membership base grew and the region



Colin Murphey/The Astorian

Skip Hauke's commitment as a volunteer was extensive.



Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce

Skip Hauke was known for his bright smile and the wacky costumes he sometimes wore at community events.

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Willis Van Dusen | former Astoria mayor and a friend of Skip Hauke

benefited from the lodging taxes tied to an increase in

visitors, but Hauke always deflected praise to his staff.

"Skip was a businessperson from the minute he was born. His father and grandfather had a grocery store, so he knew how commerce and business worked," said Van Dusen, whose family owns Van Dusen Bev-

erages Inc. "He was able to get the business community from Astoria and Warrenton to all work together, and not be in conflict, and there was a time when it was ... Both have benefited from it."

Van Dusen, who served as mayor for 24 years before choosing not to run for reelection in 2014, said, "No one has done more for the city of Astoria in my lifetime than Skip Hauke. Of everyone I know, Skip had more friends than anyone in Astoria."

Loran Mathews, the president of the Astoria Scandinavian Heritage Association and a friend of Hauke's, said "he will be really, really missed by the community. Even though he had retired out of the chamber, I think people still looked to him for guidance, friendship, leadership and his opinion."

Much of Hauke's most impactful work often happened behind closed doors and out of the spotlight. His many friends considered him someone they could always rely on, even amid his own troubles.

Fick recalled that during his lunch hours as executive director of the chamber, Hauke would often go wash dishes at the Astoria Senior Center or do anything to lend a helping hand.

"He's a great example for the rest of us to try to live our lives by," Fick said.

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