

## IN BRIEF

## Gearhart adopts parks master plan

GEARHART — A multiyear process came with approval of a new parks master plan.

The new rules amend the city's comprehensive plan, zoning and subdivision ordinances.

The plan solidifies the city's commitment to open space, recreation and outdoor activities now and into the future, Mayor Paulina Cockrum said.

"The comprehensive plan calls for a parks master plan and the City Council has sought to create that plan for about 10 years," she said.

The parks plan, designed to look two decades into the future, was developed after the state awarded the city \$15,000 in grant funds for the project, part of the 2019 local government grant program from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department.

The plan became a priority after the city enacted short-term rental regulations and a new safety complex, Cockrum said.

## Hikers rescued from cliff in Manzanita

A pair of hikers who had become trapped on a cliff overlooking the ocean in Manzanita were hoisted to safety on Monday evening.

U.S. Coast Guard Sector Columbia River sent a helicopter crew, which rescued the hikers at about 8:30 p.m., the Coast Guard said.

Other emergency responders in the region helped find the hikers, who were uninjured.

## County awards grants to nonprofits

Local nonprofits that provide human and social services in Clatsop County will receive \$30,000 in grants, the county announced.

For the next fiscal year, the Assistance League of the Columbia Pacific will receive \$5,000; the Astoria Warming Center, \$1,000; Camp Kiwanilong, \$2,000; Clatsop CASA Program, \$2,000; Grace Food Pantry, \$1,000; The Healing Circle, \$2,500; Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Center, \$1,000; LiFEBoat Services, \$5,000 (split between Beacon Clubhouse and Filling Empty Bellies); North Coast Food Web, \$1,000; and The Harbor, \$5,000.

The county's Human Services Advisory Council reviewed applications and sent recommendations to the Board of Commissioners, which approved the awards, the county said.

— *The Astorian*

## DEATHS

**April 26, 2022**  
MORGAN, Wade Leigh, 61, of Astoria, died in Wheeler. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**April 25, 2022**  
DeMOSS, Bill Dean, 84, of Seaside, died

in Seaside. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

SCHULTZ, Mark Lloyd, 71, of Astoria, died in Warrenton. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## MEMORIAL

Thursday, April 28

BRIEN, Noah — Celebration of life at 5:30 p.m., Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 92937 Walluski Loop.

## ON THE RECORD

## Criminal trespass

• Lori Suzanne Smith, 60, of Astoria, was arrested on Monday at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria for second-degree criminal trespass, attempted assault of a public safety officer and violation of a release agreement.

## DUII

• Kathlyn Leigh Rook, 33, of Astoria, was arrested on Saturday for driving under the influence of intoxicants, second-degree criminal mischief and hit-and-run involving property damage. Rook allegedly crashed into at least two vehicles in the area of Eighth and Duane

streets in Astoria and fled the scene in her vehicle, which was also damaged. Witnesses followed Rook to a residence on Third Street, where she was arrested.

• Mara Rachel Braaten, 43, of Pe Ell, Washington, was arrested on Saturday on W. Marine Drive in Astoria for DUII.

• Harley Orville Pritchard, 44, of Seaside, was arrested on April 9 on U.S. Highway 101 in Warrenton for DUII.

• Jacob Lewis Jackson, 22, of Seaside, was arrested on April 7 on U.S. Highway 101 in Seaside for DUII and reckless driving.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

## THURSDAY

Sunset Empire Transportation District Board, 9 a.m., 900 Marine Drive.

Port of Astoria Marina Advisory Committee, noon, El Tapatio restaurant, 229 W. Marine Drive.

Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce Council, noon, (electronic meeting).

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## SIGNS OF HISTORY



Five new interpretative signs along the Prom offer a glimpse into Seaside's history.

Joshua Heineman

## Naselle Youth Camp to close sooner than expected

## Facility to close in September

By JEFF CLEMENS  
*Chinook Observer*

NASELLE, Wash. — As Naselle Youth Camp workers suspected, the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families has confirmed a much earlier closure than the June 2023 deadline mandated by the Legislature.

Workers have been lining up other jobs since Gov. Jay Inslee signed the state's supplemental budget into law in March and declined to veto closing the youth camp.

According to Paige Coleman, a former cultural and

vocational worker at the camp, employees have been steadily departing. She took a position with the Washington State Department of Commerce.

"Quite a few people are grabbing jobs this week and (as soon as possible)," Coleman said back in March about how anxious workers were to find new jobs.

Coleman learned from her former colleagues and friends that the youth camp's closure has since been pushed up to Sept. 15. The state confirmed the news in an email response to the Chinook Observer.

"The reality is that this (no new placements) provision will entail a swift draw-down of the resident popu-

lation housed at the NYC facilities. With planned releases and transfers of residents at the camp to other juvenile rehabilitation facilities, NYC will be closed for clients as of Sept. 15, 2022," Jason Wettstein, communications director for the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, stated.

"Individualized plans for each of the remaining residents who will transfer or release are occurring in collaboration with the residents, counselors, family, and JR team members. A team will remain at the facility into 2023 to help with the transition. DCYF is working to support staff in the transition and to com-

municate transition services and opportunities. We are working with staff to find other jobs within DCYF and the larger community," he added.

The move was expected by many youth camp employees and is the worst outcome for those who realized that with no new placements authorized, the closure would undoubtedly be much sooner than the middle of next year.

"This reduces any chance for any efforts or legislative action this fall that may undo the decision," Coleman said of expected efforts by local legislators to save the youth camp during the next legislative session, which opens in January.

## Man injured after being pulled under trolley

By ERICK BENDEL  
*The Astorian*

A man was injured on Saturday afternoon after he was pulled under the Astoria Riverfront Trolley in Uniontown.

At around 1:15 p.m., an intoxicated man was seen sleeping on the trolley trestle near W. Marine Drive's Fort George Brewery distribution warehouse, police said.

When Old 300 rolled by, a piece of the man's clothing got caught. He was pulled under the trolley, lost a toe and suffered a head injury. The trolley operator had not seen him, police said.

Witnesses said the man got up and walked to a nearby bench to lie down while waiting for help. He was flown to a Portland-area hospital for treatment.

Trolley personnel fol-

lowed the organization's system safety program plan after the incident, said Jeff Hazen, a trolley board member. This included calling emergency responders and reporting the injury to the state Department of Transportation.

Shortly after 2:30 p.m., the westbound trolley struck an SUV, which was heading north on Basin Street. The SUV driver had pushed past

a stop sign and into the trolley's path.

No injuries were reported, and the impact was minor, police said. The parties exchanged information. The trolley was unharmed.

"Our phones blew up like crazy here," said Nancy Hoover, who was working that day at the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Warrenton: 'I'm disappointed that negotiations didn't work out'

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Burgener, as well as panel interviews by community leaders, public administrators, city department heads and the City Commission. The feedback was positive and unanimously supported hiring Burgener, the city said at the time.

Before being city manager in Stanfield, Burgener was the city administrator in Ada, Minnesota, and the finance manager and administrative services manager for the Utah Department of Transportation.

Burgener was set to replace Linda Engbretson, who announced her retirement last year but agreed to work on an interim basis until her replacement was hired.

"I did just want to comment that I'm disappointed that negotiations didn't work out but I did want to assure this commission, as I think you all know, that you have some quality staff," Engbretson said at the end of Tues-

day's meeting. "... Hopefully there are some other options out there as you move forward, but your department heads are hardworking individuals who will hold the weight if it comes down to that."

Engbretson said she wants to officially be out of the role by July, but added that the date is flexible if she knows someone is coming in.

Although the search for a city manager continues, the city announced that Jay Blake has been hired as the new planning director.

Blake, who most recently worked for the Neah-Kah-Nie School District, spent nearly 20 years as a city planner and community development director for cities throughout Minnesota.

"I really was sad about the vacant position, so I'm really happy as I know Jay is going to be a great addition to Warrenton," Engbretson said in a statement. "I'm just disappointed I won't be able to spend more time working

with him."

The position was vacated in January by Scott Hazelton, who pointed to his inability to find long-term housing as a big reason for his resignation. In March, the city

brought in Mike Morgan, the former mayor of Cannon Beach, to fill the role on an interim basis.

The city is also pursuing hiring a planning tech. Blake will start on July 27.



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