

## IN BRIEF

## Boy killed, father injured after being hit by driver at Hammond Marina

WARRENTON — A 7-year-old boy was killed and his father was seriously injured on Wednesday when a driver struck them from behind as they were riding bicycles near the Hammond Marina boat basin.

The call came in shortly before 5:30 p.m. Archer Glenn Gardner died at the scene. Corey Michael Gardner, 36, was taken to a Portland-area hospital.

Authorities said the Renton, Washington, residents had been staying at a nearby bed-and-breakfast and were riding northbound along the grass and dirt shoulder of Lake Drive when the driver, Richard William Kulackoski, 60, hit them with his pickup. Kulackoski had almost hit a runner moments before.

Kulackoski works at an Ilwaco, Washington, bait shop and was bringing bait to another shop near the boat basin, District Attorney Ron Brown said.

Kulackoski has been charged with first-degree manslaughter, second-degree manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide, second-degree assault, driving under the influence of intoxicants, three counts of recklessly endangering another person and reckless driving, according to court filings.

The Warrenton Police Department is leading the investigation and the Clatsop County Major Crime Team is conducting it.

## County seeks feedback on vacation rental restrictions

As Clatsop County moves forward on plans to cap the number of vacation rentals in unincorporated areas, people are invited to participate in the discussion.

The county plans to hold two virtual public input meetings — on Saturday and Aug. 17 — and is conducting an online survey to gather comments until the end of the month.

The county Board of Commissioners will consider the comments at a September work session.

The board is considering limiting vacation rentals in unincorporated residential zones west of U.S. Highway 101 and in the Arch Cape area, the county said in a release.

Links to the survey and virtual meetings, as well as details about caps on vacation rentals, are on the county website.

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## Seaside looks at two county parcels for affordable housing

## County has offered the surplus property

By R.J. MARX  
*The Astorian*

SEASIDE — Two properties on the north end of the city could be part of a collaboration with Clatsop County on affordable housing.

“The county has offered some land to Seaside and we are underway with getting that land that will go for some type of affordable housing that’s to be determined,” said City Councillor Steve Wright, who serves as chairman of a city housing task force. “It’s possibly as many as 24 more units, if it fits.”

The county would transfer the land at no cost.

The housing task force brought voices from the county and regional levels to City Hall on Monday, with Elissa Gertler, the executive director of the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority, and Pamela Wev, a Clatsop County commissioner who represents the county on the housing authority board.



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Seaside is looking at affordable housing on sites north of the ‘North 40,’ former school district land owned by the city and used as sports fields.

As many as 3,000 housing units are needed to meet demand in the county.

In April, the county issued a request for expression of interest on 15 surplus properties that could be used for housing, child care and social services. Four of the properties are in Seaside.

“We received a response from the city of Seaside regarding the following accounts to utilize for affordable housing,” Monica Steele, the assistant county manager, said. “While some of these sites might require some zoning changes, those are options the city is exploring as well as working with

potential developers.”

Two of the parcels are designated wetlands and will remain so, Wright said, possibly to be used in the future for mitigation offsets.

But two sites near the former high school show housing potential.

“I believe two of the parcels — about 1.5 acre — can be used for building affordable housing,” Wright said. “We will accept them on that basis, once we review the terms and conditions applied by the county.”

The sites are north of the “North 40,” former school district land owned by the city and used as sports fields.

Steele said the county Board of Commissioners is supportive of the expression of interest submitted by Seaside to utilize the sites for affordable housing development.

The conversation comes as the city seeks to address a shortage of workforce and affordable housing while meeting the needs of the homeless.

The housing authority owns, manages or partners to serve low- and moderate-income tenants and administers a federal housing choice voucher program.

“One of the things I think that the board has wanted in hiring me is to really start thinking about the partnerships that go beyond the housing authority,” Gertler said of the county, cities, developers and residents.

“It really takes all hands,” she said. “I’m hoping that NOHA will not just focus on what we own and manage, but how to help cities have capacity, how to find resources, have the pieces be stronger together than we are on our own, so that we can do more together.”

## Gatherings: Additional volunteer drivers needed

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“It’s a combination of, No. 1, the program revenue, and just the inflation and the costs of food and the paper goods, supplies just unfortunately has taken its toll,” Johnson said.

For \$6, patrons could get a full lunch with meat, potatoes or pasta, vegetables, a beverage and dessert. The portions were often large enough to take home leftovers.

Becky Bafford, who lives in Ocean Park, Washington, has been coming to the lunch service for around eight years. She likes the rotating menu, but going there is about more than getting a meal.

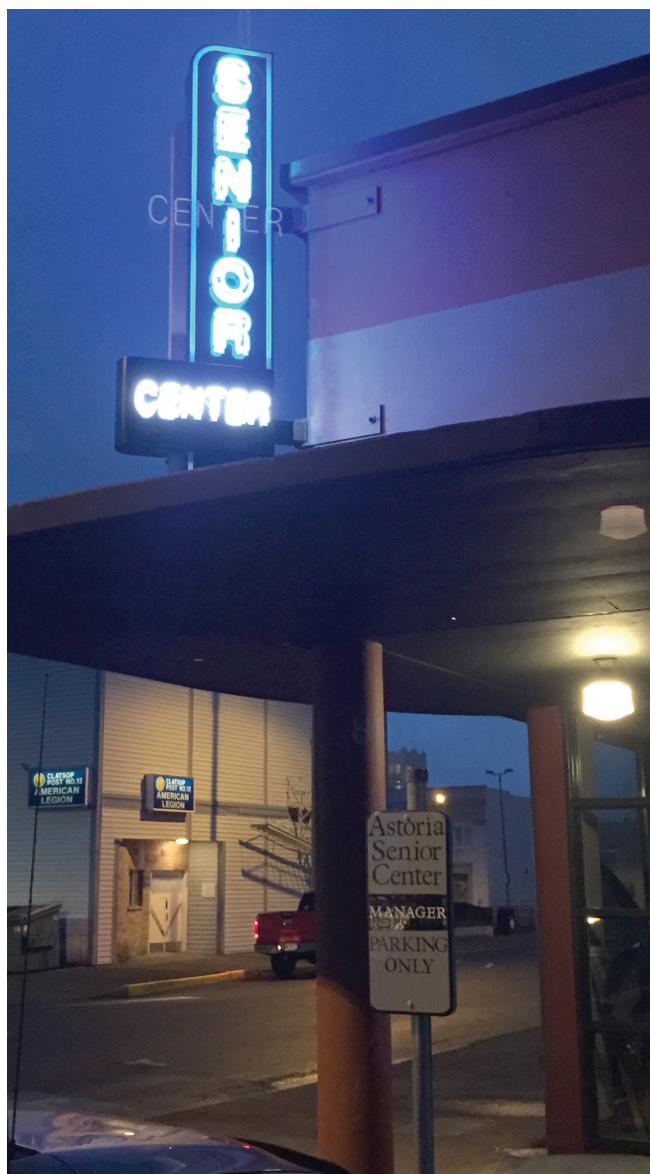
“Being able to socialize is everything. I don’t give a damn if it’s not even something I want to eat that day, I get it, I’ll take it, I’ll leave it in the free food box. But I want to see some people,” she said.

She called the in-person service closure “terrible.” “There’s people that depend on this. Luckily, I’m not in that situation, but there certainly are people that do,” she said.

The program was largely funded through grants and donations, Johnson said.

In 2016, Columbia Senior Diners warned it may have to close within a year due to a severe budget shortfall.

“The program always fell forward. It was like things would get tight, but then the



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Columbia Senior Diners has provided meals at the Astoria Senior Center.

next month we would get the United Way check or we’d get the grant money from the city,” Johnson said. “So it was never where it was like

a halt in the program, until recently. It was probably a matter of a few months.”

Johnson said she is excited to partner with

NorthWest Senior and Disability Services, which operates a home delivery program in Seaside, Cannon Beach, Warrenton and Svensen.

“We are thrilled that we will transition our home delivery patrons to them, so our home delivery customers will not go without,” she said. “So that’s where we feel really comfortable and excited. We don’t see it as a negative or an end, but just a transition.”

The NorthWest Senior and Disability Services’ program delivers a week’s worth of meals — one warm and the rest frozen — for an optional donation of \$3 per meal. The delivery includes a visit and a safety check.

Debbie Dunaway is the meal site coordinator for the service in Svensen, which will be taking over the Astoria Senior Diners’ delivery clients in September.

She said they are reaching out to clients to make sure they want to continue with the program.

“It’s really sad because that’s a big program, it’s very needed. But with these economic times its become impossible for them to continue the program,” Dunaway said. “I know that having them close is not good, but having some place for these clients to go to is good.”

The service is seeking additional volunteer drivers, who will have to pass a background check.

## MEMORIAL

## Sunday, Aug. 14

RAW, Darlene — Memorial service and celebration of life, Coffenburg Lake, Picnic Area C at Fort Stevens State Park in Warrenton. Coffee and doughnuts are from 10 to 11 a.m., with a formal ceremony at 11 a.m., followed by a slideshow and picnic lunch for those who would like to stay. RSVP for lunch at bit.ly/DarleneRaw

## ON THE RECORD

## Strangulation

• Matthew Darrell Burton, 41, of Tacoma, Washington, was indicted on July 28 for strangulation, fourth-degree assault constituting domestic violence, second-degree criminal mischief and second-degree disorderly conduct. The crimes are alleged to have occurred earlier that month.

## Assault

• Ely Justin Bacon, 49, of Astoria, was arrested on Tuesday on Fifth Street in Astoria for fourth-degree assault, harassment and menacing, all considered crimes of domestic violence.

• Tony Christopher Norris Hall, 34, of Hammond, was indicted on July 21 for fourth-degree assault, strangulation and attempted strangulation. The crimes, all constituting domestic violence, are alleged to have occurred in June.

## Computer crime

• Jonathan Dale Detrick, 53, of Portland, was indicted on July 27 on three counts of computer crime, two counts of second-degree theft, identity theft, unlawful entry into a motor vehicle, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer and reckless driving. The crimes are alleged to have occurred in October 2020.

## Aggravated theft

• David Jeffries Hawkins, 44, of Astoria, was arraigned on Wednesday on four charges of aggravated theft in the first degree. The crimes are alleged to have occurred between September 2019 and August 2021.

## Identity theft

• Clarissa Amirah Noemi Almofiti, 21, of Astoria, was arraigned on Tuesday on charges of identity theft, computer crime and fraudulent use of a credit card. The crimes are alleged to have occurred in February.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

## MONDAY

Jewell School District Board, 6 p.m., 83874 Oregon Highway 103.

Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

## TUESDAY

Clatsop County Planning Commission, 10 a.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

Clatsop Care Health District Board, 5 p.m., Clatsop Community College, Patriot Hall, Room 207, 1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria.

Cannon Beach City Council, 6 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower Ave.

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

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## Pharmacy: The agency does not have a psychiatrist

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“And that’s what Genoa does, too. They look at whatever situation someone is in and they say, ‘How can I help?’ ‘How can I help make this better for you?’ Not, ‘How can I quickly get your medications to you and out of here so I can serve the next person?’ But, ‘How can I help you?’”

Katie Lozano, Genoa Healthcare’s director of operations for Oregon, said the partnership allows pharmacy staff to work alongside Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare’s medical team to provide integrative care.

“We can go right down the hall and ask the provider a question, solve insurance problems, solve any issues so that they can get their medication and take them home,” she said.

Lozano cited a peer reviewed study that found when pharmacy services are integrated with health

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Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare

care providers, people are more likely to get their medications and stay on their medication plans. The arrangement lowers rates of hospitalization and emergency care and improves health care outcomes, according to the study, which was sponsored by Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health and funded by Genoa.

Baker called the pharmacy an important step in the agency’s evolution.

“The thing that I’ve been experiencing since I’ve been here is that we keep identify-

ing needs that aren’t getting met in the community,” she said. “And those needs are big.”

She said the agency has tried to tackle some of the larger issues that affect overall care.

Baker noted the agency’s effort for people to develop housing for try to who are homeless or at risk of being homeless. She said the agency has recently partnered with Dr. Robert Law, a family doctor in Astoria, to figure out how to offer primary care.

“We’ve recently con-

tracted with Dr. Law because we want to start looking more seriously at integration and how to bring primary care to our clients so that they’re accessible and that it’s approached with the same level of care and compassion that we try to bring to the table each time we work with the folks that we serve,” Baker said.

The agency does not have a psychiatrist, but has contracted with Iris Telehealth, a telepsychiatry company based in Austin, Texas, for several years.

While Baker said it would be easier to have a psychiatrist locally, she said the arrangement has worked well.

“It’s an important evolution in our growth as an organization,” Baker told the crowd at the ribbon-cutting Thursday about the pharmacy. “It’s not the last step. We’ve got many, many steps to go, but it’s an important step.”