



Photo courtesy Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce  
Walkers participating in the 2015 Great Columbia Crossing, the only day of the year the general public is allowed to cross the bridge on foot.

## Bridge run annual 'must-do' for many

The Great Columbia Crossing is set for Sunday, Oct. 15, and sponsors encourage those interested in participating to sign up immediately.

The 10k run/walk is a once-a-year opportunity to experience the bridge on foot.

"The Astoria-Megler Bridge is the longest continuous truss bridge in North America and such a wonderful icon for residents and visitors alike," said event coordinator Kelsey Balensifer. "This 4.1-mile bridge was the last link in U.S. Highway 101 running from Northern Washington to Southern California, and it has served to connect our community to the world."

This 10k offers a scenic adventure on a mostly flat road with, of course, one steep incline to the peak of the bridge.

The Great Columbia Crossing 10k run is an Official USA Track and Field Certi-

fied Event. Competitors who choose to be timed will be given a separate start time.

Participants are required to register in advance for the event and registration closes when the it reaches capacity of 3,500 participants.

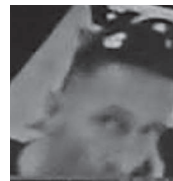
The event is sponsored by the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce and Columbia Memorial Hospital Cardiology Clinic, a CMH/OHSU Collaboration.

Registration is \$40 and includes free parking and shuttle service from the Port of Astoria or Port of Chinook, light snacks and five "clam-bucks" worth \$1 each at participating local businesses. For electronic timing add \$5; for a long-sleeved T-shirt, add \$15 to \$17.

To sign up, call the chamber at 503-325-6311 or go online for more details at [greatcolumbiacrossing.com](http://greatcolumbiacrossing.com)

## KOA coin-box thief caught on surveillance

Police seek the public's help in identifying a man who broke into a coin machine in the laundry at the Astoria-Warrenton-Seaside KOA on Ridge Road.



The man was described as white with a thin built, 5-foot 10-inches to 6-foot tall, in his late 20s or early 30s, brown hair and a close-cut beard or stubble. He was captured on video surveillance using a key to take the cash box, according to police.

He spent several minutes in the laundry on a cell phone and standing outside using a vape device before committing the crime, Chief Matt Workman wrote in a news release.

Anyone who may have seen the man or who recognizes him from the video is asked to contact Officer Alfonso Fontana at 503-861-5622 or [afontana@ci.warrenton.or.us](mailto:afontana@ci.warrenton.or.us)

## Wauna sponsors Adopt-a-Teacher

Wauna Credit Union wants to help area teachers, who often dig into their own pockets to provide supplies for the classroom.

The credit union will have

an "Adopt-A-Teacher" contest during the month of September, awarding \$500 to the winning educator.

Students, parents, teachers, principals and members of the community are encouraged to post a video on Wauna's Facebook page explaining why their teacher deserves to win.

The entry with the most votes, as measured by Facebook "reactions," will win the prize.

"Teachers are the backbone of our community," said Pam Weller, assistant vice president of the credit union. "They put in so much hard work and do so much to ensure our children learn and are ready to lead rewarding lives."

The contest ends Sept. 30, and winners will be an-

nounced Oct. 9.

Any officially licensed teacher in Wauna Credit Union's service area of Clatsop County, Columbia County and Western Washington County, as well as Pacific County, Wash., are eligible.

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block Southwest 14<sup>th</sup> Place.

•Female shortness of breath, 4:09 p.m. Sept. 13, 1600 block Southeast Ensign Lane.

•Male having seizures, 6:04 p.m. Sept. 13, 500 block East Harbor Drive.

•Female suicide attempt, 7:56 p.m. Sept. 13, North Coast Respite Center.

•Male having difficulty breath-

ing, 6:27 a.m. Sept. 14, 33400 block Perkins Lane.

•Female removing stitches, 12:24 p.m. Sept. 14, North Coast Respite Center.

•Male who's dizzy and having trouble walking, 10:37 a.m. Sept. 15, Fort Stevens State Park campground.

•Male who fell into fish hold, 3:40 p.m. Sept. 15, 400 block Fleet Street, Hammond.

•Football game standby, 7 p.m. Sept. 15, Warrenton High School.

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•Male with altered level of consciousness, 7:32 p.m. Sept. 15, Camp Rilea.

•Female with vomiting, 8:13 a.m. Sept. 17, 400 block North Main Avenue.

•Male with possible heroin overdose, 8:11 p.m. Sept. 17, Dolphin Avenue at Rainbows End.