

The week ahead

Public Meetings

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

• **Clatsop County Board of Commissioners**, 6:30 p.m., 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

THURSDAY

• **Sunset Empire Transportation District Board of Commissioners**, 9 a.m., Transit Center, 900 Marine Dr., Astoria.

Groups & Events

WEDNESDAY

• **Kiwanis Club of Warrenton**, 1 p.m., Fultano's, 78 Harbor Dr.

• **Warrenton Rotary Club**, 6 p.m., Dooger's, 103 S. Highway 101.

SATURDAY

• **Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce annual meeting**, 5 p.m., Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 92937 Walluski Loop, Astoria. Info: 503-325-6311. Story on Page 3.

WARRANTS

• Contempt of court, 7:49 a.m. Jan. 12, Highway 101 near Marlin Avenue. Paige A. Hart, 30, and Patrick R. Carlson, 30, both of Warrenton, were cited for criminal contempt after they failed to show up in court.

• Arrest warrant, 8:54 a.m. Jan.

New district attorney sworn into post

Ron Brown was sworn in on Jan. 7 as Clatsop County's new district attorney.

Brown ran unopposed for the seat in the May 15 primary election.

He replaces Josh Marquis, who retired as district attorney after more than 24 years in the post.

Brown has served as chief deputy in the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office for 14 years.

A native of Klamath Falls, he graduated from Oregon State University in 1976 and earned a law degree from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1979.

He served in district attorney's offices in Lane, Lincoln and Deschutes counties from 1979 to 1989, and practiced in a private law firm in Bend

until 1997, when he joined the Crook County District Attorney's Office as chief deputy.

THEFTS AND BURGLARIES

• Forgery and attempted theft, 1:23 p.m. Jan. 10, Columbia Bank. A teller called police when

the signature on a check being cashed didn't match the account holder. Mark Daniel Crouch, 37, of Warrenton was arrested on suspicion of forgery, attempt theft and third-degree theft and booked at Clatsop County Jail. He also was cited for criminal possession of an invalid driver's license and driving while sus-

pending.

• Stolen wallet, 6:48 p.m. Jan. 10, Walgreens. A woman reported she'd set her wallet down on a trash can and forgot about it. By the time she'd returned home and realized it was missing, store employees reported the wallet was gone.

• Shoplifting, 10:20 p.m. Jan. 10, Walmart. Two women allegedly were observed changing scan codes on merchandise, concealing other items in a purse and failing to ring up some items at self-checkout. Danielle M. Aylward, 42, of Long Beach, Wash., was cited for criminal theft and criminal mischief for damaging \$10 in merchandise, shoplifting \$5 and under-ringing \$60 in merchandise. She and a second woman were trespassed from the store.

• Theft, 5 p.m. Jan. 11, Walmart. A cashier was observed over a two-month period failing to pay for items she'd selected or failing to scan items others selected at the store. Cynthia Jean Newell, 58, of Hammond was cited for criminal second-degree theft.

• Shoplifting, 9:15 p.m. Jan. 11, Walmart. Nels E. Pedersen, 44, of Naselle was cited for criminal third-degree theft.

• Bicycle theft, 11:29 a.m. Jan. 12, 200 block Southwest Second St. A chain lock was cut and a bicycle valued at \$160 was taken from in front of an apartment. A man was seen riding the bike later in the day. Christopher James Beeman, 36, of Warrenton was booked at Clatsop County Jail on suspicion of theft and for probation violation; when officers found him, he allegedly had 80 hypodermic syringes in his backpack and on his person as well as other drug paraphernalia.

SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES/DISTURBANCES

• Dog at large, 1:45 p.m. Jan. 4, 0-100 block Southwest Elm Street. A woman reported her neighbor's dog killed four of her chickens and chased others. Other neighbors also reported



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