

Hearing set on vape and tobacco regulations

The Clatsop County Commission will hold its first of two public hearings Wednesday on a proposal to regulate the sale of tobacco and vaping products.

The goal is to enhance public health and prevent teenagers from accessing the products.

Any company selling tobacco and vaping products must obtain an annual license from the county, according to the ordinance.

No tobacco retailer may be within 1,000 feet of a school (any establishments already in operation would be grandfathered in).

Campus dropout program receives state accolades

A Warrenton High School program designed to reduce the dropout rate has been lauded by the state Department of Education.

The program begins in grade school.

"Over the past two years, high school administrators have made an effort to reach out to every new family coming to Warrenton High School," reports the article in the August High School Success Newsletter.

"During the first couple of weeks in August, Vice Principal Ian O'Brien begins making calls to parents of each incoming ninth grade student to welcome them to the high

If you go

The public hearing is set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, in the Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

Tobacco sales to those younger than 21 would be grounds for license revocation.

All targeted products must be kept out of reach, accessible by a customer only with the assistance of the retailer.

No free or nominally priced tobacco samples would be allowed.

The county's Public Health Department would monitor and enforce compliance with the ordinance. The agency would attempt to inspect each retailer at least once per year.

Penalties range from \$500 for a first violation to \$7,500 and license revocation for the fourth violation in a 24-month period.

Warrenton, along with other cities in the county, were allowed to provide input on the proposed new law. The county would enforce the rules within the cities without charge.

school and let them know to be on the lookout for schedules and inform them of the open house night prior to the start of the school year."

The school takes a proactive approach with families and students who have struggled in their middle and grade school years, the article states. These phone calls lead to scheduled meetings with parents and students to

discuss what they are looking forward to in high school.

Based on their concerns, administrators and families work collaboratively to develop a learning plan that leads to success.

"This initiative has been extremely helpful for their administrative team to learn about families and students while building a relationship of trust," the article concludes.

Alleged trespasser arrested after hunt

A man was arrested after he was found lurking in a family's backyard and prompted a manhunt when he attempted to elude officers, police said.

A woman who lives adjacent to Warrenton Marina called police to report a suspicious man in her backyard wearing a red shirt and red shorts.

When an officer arrived, the man began walking away from the property and then running in several directions and down several streets in an attempt



Wolf

to elude the policeman, according to a probable cause report. More officers arrived and he was eventually found hiding behind the same house where he'd first been spotted.

Steven Michael Wolf, 42, no known address, was arrested on suspicion of criminal trespassing, escape, resisting arrest and interfering with a police officer.

He was booked at Clatsop County Jail, where his blood-alcohol level was recorded at 0.15 percent.

Getting ready



Jim Rankin

A work crew improves the pavement in front of Warrenton High School last week as the campus prepares for a new school year.

State VA committee meets in Seaside

The state's Department of Veterans' Affairs Advisory Committee will hold its next meeting in Seaside.

The nine-member advisory committee is made up of veterans appointed by the governor to advise state leaders

on veterans issues. They meet throughout the state.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the meeting, which is set for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Holiday Inn Express, 34 N. Holladay Drive.

Public safety calls

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•Female child lying in road, 5:36 a.m. Aug. 31, 1800 block Ensign Lane.

•Male who needs transport, 8:27 a.m. Aug. 31, 90900 block Highway 101.

•Male with diabetic issue, 12:07 p.m. Sept. 1, 200 block Southwest Alder Avenue.

•Elderly female who fell on beach, 7:11 p.m. Sept. 1, south of Sunset Beach approach.



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