

# Body found two years ago in Longview still John Doe

The Cowlitz County Sheriff's Office seeks the public's help in identifying human remains found in Longview, Wash., two years ago.



The case details were entered into and searched through National Crime Information Center. However, neither the dental records nor the DNA have been able to

provide an identity.

Human skeletal remains were found in February 2020 by a longshoreman at the Weyerhaeuser dock. After a search of the area, a nearly complete skeleton was found buried in thick blackberry bushes nearby.

The remains were sent to the King County Medical Examiner's Office, where a forensic odontologist made a dental record for comparison with the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

Anthropological analysis suggested that the skeletal remains belonged to a Caucasian or Hispanic adult male.

Last year, the sheriff's office partnered with Othram, a private forensics laboratory, to use advanced DNA testing to establish an identification or to find a family member of the unidentified man.

Natalie Murry, a digital forensic artist, completed a digital rendering of the subject based on the physical characteristics of the skull.

Anyone with information about the man or the circumstances of his death is encouraged to contact Detective Ryan Crusier at 360-577-3092.

## Comments sought on drone rules

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department seeks public comment on proposed rules regarding the take-off and landing of drones in state parks and along ocean shores.

The deadline for comments is 5 p.m. April 7.

The proposed rules are intended to provide clarity for drone pilots, hobbyists, and the public to know what's allowed where.

Two virtual public meetings are scheduled to take comments:

The first, on rules in the parks, is at 6 p.m. March 30. The second meeting, on ocean regulations, is at 6 p.m. March 31. Both require advance registration to make comments.

To register, go to Oregon.

gov/oprd, click on the box for "Plans, Rulemaking & Permits," then, on the left-hand side of the page, click on "Proposed OPRD Rules."

Both hearings will be streamed live at the Oregon Parks and Recreation YouTube channel.

Comments may also be submitted by mail to Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, attn: Katie Gauthier, 725 Summer St. N.E., Suite C, Salem OR 97301.

A full copy of the proposed amendments is available on the Proposed OPRD Rules web page.

After reviewing public comments, agency staff will present final amended rules for consideration by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission in late spring.

## Business and development tidbits

### Cruise ships make a return to Astoria waterfront

Cruise ships will be returning to the Port of Astoria soon.

The first ship to arrive for the season is the Caribbean Princess on April 5, said Bruce Connor, the port's director of cruise marketing.

"At this point, it looks fairly positive," Connor told port commissioners Tuesday afternoon.

By the third quarter of 2022, cruise visits will catch up to their pre-pandemic level, he predicted.

"They're starting earlier and they're ending later," Connor said. "In other words, the season is extending."

The industry was hit harder than most when the pandemic hit, Connor said. "We get it. We were floating Petri dishes when this all began."

But now all passengers will be required to have had COVID-19 boosters in addition to vaccines.

"So, these folks are 100 percent vaccinated stepping off into a town that's 63 percent vaccinated," he said. "They're safer to stay on the ship."

Cumulative pandemic losses to the Port of Astoria from cruise ship income and other income is an estimated \$1.7 million.

#### GRADE SCHOOL FURNITURE

Warrenton Grade School's new staff room recently was completed with new furniture donated by Roby's Furniture in Astoria.

The company also furnished what the campus calls its "Warrior Family Room," a place of refuge and resources for families at the school.

The donation helps families feel more comfortable and welcome, according to school officials.

"It is this kindness and commitment to the commu-

nity and school from organizations and people like those at Roby's Furniture that allows our school to go above and beyond for our student and families."

#### BMX TRACK

Shipwreck BMX, a nonprofit bicycle motocross group based in Astoria, would like to put a BMX track at the south end of the parking lot at Warrenton's soccer fields.

Erik Luysterborghs made a presentation recently to the Warrenton Parks Advisory Board, telling them the track would be privately funded through donations and grants, but he'd like the city to assist with the grading.

All maintenance would be performed by volunteers and portable restrooms will be provided and paid for by the organization.

The Department of Environmental Quality would need to sign off on the idea as the parking lot sits atop an

old landfill.

Members of the parks board gave tentative approval to the idea with the condition the appropriate location be decided before it goes before the City Commission.

#### TESLA'S TENTACLES IN TOWN

Tesla wants to build a supercharger site in Astoria.

The company contacted the Port of Astoria earlier this year, seeking support and a possible location.

"They cover design, engineering, and coordinate utilities in exchange for a period of time with a free lease," Executive Director Will Isom told port commissioners at their Feb. 1 meeting. "There are a lot of details to work out."

The company claims it can fully charge one of its Teslas in half an hour, Isom said, adding that it might be a good way to bring people to town and to the waterfront during the off season.



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