

# A place for Arch Cape to gather

## Plans to revamp former Arch Cape Deli in the works

By Brenna Visser  
Cannon Beach Gazette

Plans are in motion to revamp the former Arch Cape Deli and Grocery into a community gathering space, restaurant and deli.

A land use compatibility statement has been submitted as one of the early steps in renovating the deli and grocery store which closed in 2011.

The original building, built in 1939, served as a general store before being rebuilt and expanded into the post office and grocery store many people visited on a daily basis as the community hub since 1960.

"I believe both as a resident and a business person it will be a vital ad-

dition to the Arch Cape community. We all miss not having grocery and deli to fill in our last minute needs," Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Court Carrier said.

In June, project managers held a community meeting to discuss the idea, and Carrier said everyone who attended seemed supportive.

"It's badly wanted and needed. The plans they are articulating are really bringing some services back in the community again. Everyone seems to be very positive about it, and it seems like (Coleman) has good plans and intends to do this right."

For the past few years, property owner Butch Coleman has been purchasing surrounding properties and rezoning the area to prepare for breaking ground on a 6,000-square-foot multi-use space, said Vito Cerelli, the lead designer for the project from O'Brien & Company.

In addition to restoring the deli, the vision for the new Arch Cape



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Arch Cape post office and store, 1946, courtesy of "Arch Cape Chronicles," by David and Alma English.

Deli and Grocery includes incorporating a new restaurant called the Tunnel Cafe, a bakery, adding space that can be rented for meetings or events, and the possibility of post office boxes.

"We want to bring back a community building to the area," Cerelli said, who grew up in Arch Cape. "The deli served as community gathering spot. Arch Cape is mostly residential, so (Coleman) really wanted

to create a space for the local community."

While the inspiration for the project is drawn from creating something for the community, Cerelli said he and Coleman also see the project's highly visible location off Highway 101 as a benefit to draw in travelers, as well.

Designs and details are still evolving, but Cerelli said from a design perspective people should expect a large, Pacific Northwest-style

timber lodge.

"Every detail of the building is a natural timber look," Cerelli said. "There will be lots of exposed timber — all the siding is being custom milled for the project."

After the county reviews the application, a public hearing will be held to discuss the project later this year, Cerelli said. Coleman and Cerelli hope to be breaking ground sometime next year.

# Astorian names new managing editor

EO Media Group

Jim Van Nostrand has joined The Daily Astorian as managing editor.

He is a veteran journalist with more than 30 years of experience as a reporter and editor. Most recently, he was the digital editor at the Tri-City Herald in Kennewick, Washington.

He replaces Laura Sellers-Earl, who is retiring from full-time work after 25 years with the Astorian and its parent company, EO Media Group. She plans to remain in the community.

"Jim Van Nostrand brings a great depth of journalistic experience and leadership to our newsroom along with a strong commitment to excellence," said David Pero, the Astorian's editor and publisher. "His career has been filled with achievements in print and on a wide variety of digital platforms, and those qualities help position The Daily Astorian to serve our readers far into the future."

Van Nostrand is a native of Washington state and spent part of his early career in Oregon. He returned to the Northwest five years ago from Washington, D.C., to be closer to family and friends.

"It's not often that you get to come home in this business," he said. "I look forward to leading a great newsroom in one of the most beautiful places in the world to live."

At the Washington Bureau for Knight Ridder and then McClatchy newspapers, he worked with journalists covering the



COLIN MURPHEY/EO MEDIA GROUP

Jim Van Nostrand recently joined The Daily Astorian as managing editor.

White House, Congress and the federal government, as well as foreign correspondents in Baghdad, Beijing, Mexico City and other countries. He also taught digital storytelling to graduate journalism students as an adjunct professor at American University and worked with students from Penn State and Northwestern universities.

He formerly served as a senior editor at Knight Ridder Digital, where he managed national, world and politics coverage on 28 Knight Ridder newspaper websites across the country.

He led Knight Ridder's online cover-

age of the Iraq war, the 2000, 2002, 2004 and 2006 Olympics, and the 2000 and 2004 presidential campaigns.

He has been immersed in digital journalism since 1995, when he launched Leadernet, an online business subsidiary of the Times Leader newspaper in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

He was part of a team that won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for the Biloxi Sun Herald's coverage of Hurricane Katrina.

He was the supervising editor for "Echo Company," a multimedia reporting project that won a 2005 Digital Edge award from the Newspaper Association of America. The project showed readers the human side of 11 U.S. Marines and a U.S. Navy corpsman killed in an ambush in Iraq. Editor & Publisher magazine called it, "One of the most ambitious and extensive projects to come out of the Iraq war."

He won McClatchy President's Awards for "Inside Iraq," a blog written by Iraqi journalists, and "Beyond the Law," an extensive international examination of abuses at U.S. detention camps in Afghanistan and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Van Nostrand is a former U.S. Army infantry captain. He served in the First Infantry Division in Germany and in the National Guard in Oregon and Pennsylvania.

He is an avid historian and an active member of the Online News Association.

# Sessions has 'serious questions' about Oregon's pot laws

## Letter to Brown outlines authority

By Paris Achen  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has alleged that Oregon may be violating the Obama administration's requirements to keep marijuana out of the illicit market.

Sessions sent a letter to Gov. Kate Brown July 24 reiterating the Department of Justice's authority to enforce the federal ban on marijuana and highlighting ways in which Oregon may have failed to comply with the "Cole memo."

The memo, issued in 2013, represents the Obama administration's policy not to prosecute the state legalized market provided that the state has a robust regu-

latory system that prevents leakage of the drug into the illicit market. Thus far, the Trump administration has honored the policy.

The attorney general stated that an Oregon State Police report in January raised "serious questions about the efficacy of marijuana 'regulatory structures'" in the state. He added that the Cole memo does not preclude the Department of Justice from investigating or prosecuting violations of the federal prohibition.

"Congress has determined that marijuana is a dangerous drug and that the illegal distribution and sale of marijuana is a crime," Sessions wrote. "The department remains committed to enforcing the Controlled Substances Act in a manner that efficiently applies our resources to address the most significant threats to public health and safety."

# Stevens named to post on Port of Astoria Commission

## Retired Coast Guard captain fills vacant seat

By Edward Stratton  
EO Media Group

ASTORIA — The Port of Astoria Commission on Tuesday, Aug. 22, unanimously appointed retired U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Robert Stevens of Warrenton to fill the vacancy left by Robert Mushen, who resigned earlier this month because of medical issues.

Stevens, a veteran of 34 years in the U.S. Coast Guard and Navy and a merchant marine, said he would offer calm, quiet confidence to help the Port promote growth and stay fiscally responsible.

"The Port's received a lot of criticism, some of it justified," he said during introductions of the seven hopefuls for Mush-

en's seat. "I'm here to make this a professional, deliberative body, the way that democracy is envisioned, and I know that several of you believe the same thing."

He was joined in interviews Tuesday by former commission candidate Pat O'Grady, former budget committee Chairman John Lansing, land use planner Pamela Wev, former Yamhill County Commissioner Robert Johnstone, South County developer Russ Earl and retired inventor Ronald Meyer.

Stevens, a licensed captain of vessels large and small who recently retired from teaching and evaluating captains of offshore platforms in emergency management, ran Port Commissioner James Campbell's successful re-election campaign against fellow incumbent Stephen Fulton in May's special districts election. He said he was encouraged by oth-

ers to apply for Mushen's seat and felt he had something to offer the Port.

## Stevens' take

Stevens fielded questions from Port commissioners on several of the agency's big-ticket issues.

A bond measure to fund infrastructure improvements at the Astoria Regional Airport narrowly failed in May's special districts election. Asked by Commissioner Dirk Rohne about his outlook at the airport, Stevens said it was a shame the ballot measure failed, but that the Port can take baby steps to improve the facility, help medevac service Life Flight find a better location and attract more business.

"I would be supportive of maybe looking at going to the voters again with a bond measure and doing a better job of selling it," he said. "I'd be welcome to help do that."

Most of the people who voted the bond down were in South County, he said, and he'd be willing to stump for the project on behalf of the Port.

Stevens said he wants to help get government support on big issues such as the \$13.7 million difference between the Port's and the Federal Emergency Management Agency's estimates on damage from the December 2015 storms, and in dealing with stormwater-treatment requirements.

The Port Commission recently voted to send a letter to North Tongue Point landowner Washington Development Co. seeking to terminate the agency's remaining lease and allow boatbuilder Hyak Maritime to negotiate a purchase

of the property. Commissioner Hunsinger, who abstained from the 3-0-1 vote and has blasted the decision, asked Stevens whether he would want more history and public input on the issue.

"Tongue Point appears to me to be a classic example of opportunity exceeding resources," Stevens said of the property, which staff has said loses the Port \$250,000 annually.

Stevens said the Port needs public input on the issue, but that the Port needs to consider turning the property over to private enterprise. "The Washington Group, if they agree with the letter we wrote to terminate the lease early — they come back and say that's fine — then I think we need to take a look at public comment and testimony and make a decision."



**CANNON BEACH'S BEST SELECTION OF OREGON AND WASHINGTON WINE!**

**Shack Hours**  
Sunday - Thursday  
11am to 5:30pm  
Friday & Saturday  
11am to 6pm

**Tasting Room Hours**  
Saturdays • 1 to 5pm

**UPCOMING TASTINGS**

Sept 9 • Southern Oregon Wines  
Sept 16 • Puffin Wines  
Sept 23 • Blind Tasting  
Sept 30 • Northwest Cellars

**"Best Wine Shop"**  
- 2016 Reader's Choice Award

**124 N. HEMLOCK, CANNON BEACH - 503.436.1100 - WWW.THEWINESSHACK.WINE**

**COASTER THEATRE PLAYHOUSE**

*Blithe Spirit*  
By Noel Coward

**Sept. 22 - Oct. 28, 2017**

Tickets \$20 or \$25  
Shows begin at 7:30pm  
Sunday shows begin at 3:00pm

**COASTER THEATRE PLAYHOUSE**  
108 N Hemlock St  
Cannon Beach, OR

Tickets: 503-436-1242  
coastertheatre.com

## Dining on the North Coast



**PIGN PANCAKE**

**Excellence in family dining found from a family that has been serving the North Coast for the past 52 years**

Great Breakfast, but that's not all...  
Great lunch and dinner menu, too!  
Great pasta, steaks & seafood!  
Homemade Clam Chowder, Salads!

Seaside • 323 Broadway • 738-7234 (Open 7 Days)  
Cannon Beach • 223 S. Hemlock 436-2851 (7am-3pm Daily)  
Astoria • 146 W. Bond • 325-3144

**TO PLACE YOUR AD HERE!**

ONLY **\$25** per issue

**Seaside Office: 503-738-5561**  
**Astoria Office: 503-325-3211**