

OBITUARIES

Veronica Ann Hankel
Portland
Sept. 23, 1989 — Sept. 15, 2020

Veronica Ann Hankel passed away Sept. 15, 2020, in Portland, Oregon. She was born Sept. 23, 1989, in Portland, and graduated from Cleveland High School in 2008.



Veronica is survived by her sons, Diego and Gabriel Diaz, and her life partner, Hugo Diaz, all of Portland. She also leaves behind her

mother, Mary Jo Ryan, of Portland; her father, Carl Hankel (Karen), of Vancouver, Washington; her brother, Monty Sayers (Marisol), of Apollo Beach, Florida; and sisters Josie Sayers (Jeremy), of Sandy, Oregon, and Carla Hankel, of Riverview, Florida.

Her brother, Paul Sayers, preceded her in death. She has left behind a large extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. She had a close connec-

tion to her family, especially her two grandmothers, while they were living: Evelyn Hankel, of Astoria, and Joan Ryan, of Seaside. Growing up, she spent countless days with them, along with her siblings, enjoying the Ore-

gon Coast and visiting her many cousins, aunts and uncles.

A private funeral will be held at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Portland. Donations can be made to a GoFundMe account, bit.ly/VHankel.

Forum to host local, state candidates

Seaside Signal



Local and state candidates will join the Seaside Signal for an election forum on Oct. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event, cosponsored by the Signal and the Seaside chapter of the American Association of University Women with participation from KMUN, will feature candidates in a livestream broadcast. Due to space limitations because of coronavirus restrictions, in-person attendees will be limited to the candidates

only. A link to the event will be posted on the Signal, AAUW and KMUN websites and social media pages. State House District 32 candidates Suzanne Weber and Debbie Boothe-

Schmidt will attend the forum. Three City Council seats are up for reelection in Seaside in November, with incumbents Randy Frank and Tom Horning running unopposed. Candidates David Posalski, Kathy Kleczek and Adam Wood are vying for the Ward 4 seat after incumbent Seth Morrissey said he would not seek another term. In Gearhart, City Councilor Paulina Cockrum is the sole mayoral candidate. Position 2 incumbent

Reita Fackerell will face opposition from former mayoral candidate Bob Shortman. Position 4 City Councilor Dan Jesse will be making his third City Council bid after defeating his opponent in 2012 and running unopposed in 2016. He is challenged by Jack Zimmerman, who ran for City Council against Kerry Smith in 2018. Those who wish to submit questions in advance for the candidates may do so by emailing editor@seasidesignal.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG



Sept. 12
10:38 a.m., Cove: A key found in the Cove is turned into police.

12:13 p.m., Avenue S: Caller reports someone getting into an RV illegally parked by the recycling center. Subject tells police he saw the RV and thought he'd help itself to its contents. Police advise this is not an option.

7:18 p.m., 1700 block S. Franklin: Subjects reported setting up camp tell police they've been displaced by wildfires. They won't be staying long because they have a motel reservation for the following night.

Sept. 13
2:21 p.m., 1300 block Broadway: Teens reported throwing an orange cone into the river are located by police who direct them to retrieve the cone and return it to the American Legion.

3:48 p.m., Sunset Boulevard: Men's shorts with a wallet in the pocket are found and turned into police for safekeeping

Sept. 14
2:20 a.m., Pocket Park: Subjects are warned of unlawful lodging.

1:03 p.m., 1000 block N. Holladay: A deceased person is reported.

4:24 p.m., 600 block Broadway: Person reported screaming at the top of his lungs is advised to quiet down.

10:11 p.m., Motel 6: A person is charged with driving with a suspended license.

Sept. 15
9:54 a.m., 400 block S. Roosevelt: Transients reported drinking alcohol on property.

11:06 a.m., Pocket Park: Police contact transients reported drinking beer in public; on arrival, they say the beer is all gone.

11:48 a.m., Police headquarters: A person phones in their annual sex offender registration instead of appearing in person due to COVID-19 conditions.

10:35 p.m., Turnaround: Property crimes are reported.

Sept. 16
7:43 a.m., 1900 block Spruce Drive: Neighbor reports suspicious car parked in the area; police contact the driver who says they are just waiting for a friend to come out of their apartment.

3:07 p.m., Broadway and Roosevelt intersection: City manager requests police assistance with subjects holding signs and disrupting traffic; they are advised of the complaint and asked to move along.

Sept. 17
8:07 a.m., Multiple property crimes are reported on the 700 and 800 blocks of Seventh Avenue and Eighth Avenue and the 800 block of N. Lincoln.

2:09 p.m., 1700 block N. Prom: Homeowner reports someone setting up a camp in the dunes.

2:45 p.m., Wahanna: Caller reports a disheveled, raging man jumping into traffic. Police locate him and cite him for disorderly conduct.

6:20 p.m., Ocean shore: Caller reports suspicious bones and is advised it is a decaying seal.

10:34 p.m., Columbia and Ocean Way: A person is arrested on a warrant.



Sept. 12
6:04 p.m., Carnahan Park: Emergency medical response.

Sept. 13
6:13 p.m., Fifth Avenue: Fire alarm.

10:13 p.m., Beach, Lifeguard stand: Fire investigation.

Sept. 14
5:34 a.m., Avenue G: Emergency medical response.

1:03 p.m., 2500 block S. Roosevelt: Emergency medical response.

1:13 p.m., 1000 block Fourth Avenue: Emergency medical response.

1:17 p.m., 300 block Fourth Avenue: Emergency medical response.

8:50 p.m., Avenue A and Beach: Fire investigation.

Sept. 15
3:33 p.m., S. Lincoln: Emergency medical response.

Sept. 16
7:42 p.m., Avenue S and beach: Emergency medical response.



Two people injured in car accident

Two people from Gearhart were involved in a car accident Sept. 17 at 3:48 p.m. near milepost 22 on U.S. Highway 26 at the junction of Highway 103. A 61-year-old Gearhart man was waiting for another car to turn when he was struck from behind by a 23-year-old driver from Prineville. She said she was traveling west at around 55 mph when she realized traffic had stopped. She rear-ended the car in front of her resulting in heavy front-end damage to her car. The Gearhart man and his passenger, his wife, 59, were transported to Providence Seaside Hospital. Her car was removed by Gary's Tow. The Elsie Fire Department and ODOT were on scene to provide traffic control.



Aug. 8
9:33 p.m., Motor vehicle accident with injuries, Milepost 14, U.S. Highway 101.

9:54 p.m., Motor vehicle accident with injuries, Milepost 17, U.S. Highway 101.

Aug. 9
4:48 p.m., Emergency medical service, other, Eighth St., Gearhart.

Aug. 12
6:12 p.m., Smoke detector activation, no fire, Picture Place, Gearhart.

Aug. 13
8:35 a.m., Emergency medical service, Manion, Surf Pines.

4:11 p.m., Emergency medical service, Pine Ridge, Gearhart.

Aug. 15
4:55 p.m., Motor vehicle accident with injuries, U.S. Highway 101, Highlands Lane, Warrenton.

9:58 p.m., Fireworks explosion, no fire, 10th Street beach

access, Gearhart.

Aug. 16
12:05 p.m., Emergency medical service, Ocean, Gearhart.

2:29 p.m., Emergency medical service, C Street and Beach, Gearhart.

3:03 p.m., Motor vehicle accident with injuries, U.S. Highway 101, Gearhart.

Aug. 17
5:15 p.m., Assist police or other governmental agency, Patriot, Warrenton.

Aug. 18
3:30 p.m., Assist police or other governmental agency, Patriot, Warrenton.

Aug. 19
9 a.m., Public service assistance, Pacific Way, Gearhart.

11:08 a.m., Emergency medical service, U.S. Highway 101 and Carlson Drive.

Aug. 21
10:22 p.m., Public service assistance, Ocean.

Aug. 22
9:35 p.m., Emergency medical service, Warrenton.

Aug. 23
11:54 a.m., Attempted burning, Dorymen, Warrenton.

5:21 p.m., Emergency medical service, 10th Street beach access, Gearhart.

Aug. 24
8 a.m., Emergency medical service, Marion, Gearhart.

11:35 a.m., Public service assistance, U.S. Highway 101 and Pacific Way, Gearhart.

Aug. 25
9:40 a.m., Unauthorized burning, Sixth Street, Gearhart.

Aug. 28
8:45 a.m., Motor vehicle accident with injuries, U.S. Highway 101 near Milepost 16, Warrenton.

Aug. 29
9:15 p.m., Motor vehicle accident with injuries, U.S. Highway 101, Gearhart.

Aug. 30
10:42 a.m., Emergency medical service, Marion, Gearhart.

10:44 a.m., Emergency medical service, Doryman, Warrenton.

Aug. 31
10:45 p.m., Emergency medical service, U.S. Highway 101, Seaside.

Fishermen accused of poaching in Cape Falcon Marine Reserve

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
The Astorian

Two North Coast fishermen face criminal charges after allegedly poaching crab in the protected Cape Falcon Marine Reserve using gear stolen from fellow crabbers.

Scott Edward Giles, 39, most recently of Ilwaco, Washington, and deckhand Travis Richard Westerlund, 34, of Astoria, face multiple criminal charges, including

theft, criminal mischief, unlawful take and fishing in a prohibited area, following an indictment in August.

The sandy seafloor of the Cape Falcon Marine Reserve is home to crab, groundfish and dozens of other sea creatures.

A researcher with Oregon State University and a commercial fisherman hired to take her around the reserve discovered a string of 19 pots hidden there in April 2019. The pots were marked with a variety of paint colors,

leading investigators to conclude they had been stolen from other fishermen. The pots were later tracked back to seven different commercial crabbers between Astoria and Newport.

More pots were discovered by chance the next month when a fisherman happened to run over a line attached to two strings of crab pots.

Investigators with the Oregon State Police's fish and wildlife division marked the legal-sized crab they found inside

these pots and lowered the gear back in place. Then trooper Jim O'Connor waited at a local processing plant to see if anyone delivered the crab.

The marked crab showed up on the processing line several hours later, delivered by The Baranof. Investigators served several search warrants over the following months before arresting Giles and Westerlund this summer. Both men have since been released as the case works its way through Circuit Court.

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