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Ray Barrett, Mike Bromley and Wendy Bromley of Vancouver, Wash., taste samples of wine and olive oil from Susan Demara of Hillcrest Winery of Roseburg during the Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival Sunday.

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## Seaside gets new park, rec leader

Archibald looks forward to serving communities, residents he cares about

By KATHERINE LACAZE  
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SEASIDE — Skyler Archibald of Gearhart has been hired as the new executive director of the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District.

At a meeting Friday, the recreation district's board of directors voted to offer the position to Archibald, and he has accepted. Details still are

being worked out, but he expects to start in July.



Skyler Archibald

Mary Blake, a former general manager of the district, is serving as interim executive director and will continue to do so until

Archibald, who works as director of recreation at Pacific University in Forest Grove, begins the position.

The recreation district finished its hiring process last week. Three finalists — from an original pool of six primary candidates and three alternates — met with technical and community panels Thursday. Two finalists, Archibald and SEPRD Information Technology and Marketing Manager Darren Gooch, participated in a public meet-and-greet later that evening. They interviewed with the board of directors Friday, and then the board made its decision in a 3-2 vote.

They offered him the position on the understanding he must meet the requirements of a clear background check, references and drug test as

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## Sewer, water rates, likely to increase

Astoria budget committee looks at city spending

By DERRICK DePLEDGE  
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Consumers in Astoria will likely pay more for water and sewer next fiscal year.

The city's proposed budget contains a 2 percent increase in sewer and water rates and a 5 percent hike in the surcharge used to help finance a sewer improvement project. The surcharge, which is now 86 percent of the basic charge and consumption charge on ratepayers, would move to 91 percent.

Combined, city financial analysts estimate the rate and surcharge increases will add \$4.65 to the average monthly residential bill, or \$9.30 in bimonthly payments.

Astoria is under a federal Clean Water Act mandate to reduce the amount of wastewater that flows into the Columbia River after heavy rains. Water rates and the surcharge help underwrite the \$40 million to \$50 million project, which is scheduled for completion in 2028.

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## CRAB, WINE, FUN AND GRUB GALORE!

Thousands swooped into town this weekend for the 33rd annual Astoria-Warrenton Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival at the Clatsop County Fair & Expo Center. Regina Wilkie, the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce's marketing director, said the final counts aren't in yet, but "it felt like a good year." She said quite a few vendors said they had great, even record years.



ABOVE LEFT: Rosemary Siipola of the Willapa Harbor Chamber of Commerce fries fresh Willapa Bay oysters at the Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival Sunday. ABOVE RIGHT: Local artist Don Nisbett of Ilwaco, Wash., paints wine and beer glasses for the Astoria-Warrenton Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival.



Ninth-grader Johnny Barker of the Astoria High School Jazz Band plays with his fellow musicians during the Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival Sunday at the Clatsop County Fair & Expo Center.



Teresa Brownlie of Astoria Rotary Club helps serve a crab lunch for the Astoria-Warrenton Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival.



Mallory Erb of Eugene pours a glass of pinot noir from Sweet Cheeks Winery during the Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds Sunday.



Local brewers Fort George Brewery and Buoy Beer Co. made their presence known at the Crab, Seafood and Wine Festival. Beck Wright and Riki Leona serve Fort George's famous Vortex IPA, among other beers, to waiting customers Sunday at the fairgrounds.

## New Care director focuses on health upstream

Dr. Safina Koreishi examines causes to find solutions

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Daily Astorian

To explain her new role as the medical director for the Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization (CCO), Dr. Safina Koreishi shared a classic public health parable.

Villagers notice other villagers drowning in a river. They save their fellow villagers, but keep finding more in the river, drowning. Then eventually, they find the source of the problem: a broken bridge upstream people are falling off. Upon fixing the bridge, they stop people from falling in the river and potentially drowning.

"We still need people to be pulled out of the river ... but we really need to

fix the bridge," she said, focusing on the need for population-level improvements such as better education, housing and food choices that can ultimately lead to healthier people.

Koreishi has been on the job about three weeks, visiting clinics in Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties, in which Columbia Pacific CCO manages plans for more than 26,000 Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) members, more than 10,000 of them in Clatsop County.

Thursday, she was at Coastal Family Health Care, which its interim Medical Director Carin Pluedeman said is the largest clinic in Clatsop County, with many OHP patients.

CCO spokeswoman Patti Atkins said all of the Providence facilities locally are covered by OHP, as well as many private practices, including Columbia Memorial Hospital.

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Submitted photo  
Dr. Safina Koreishi is the new medical director of the Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization.

