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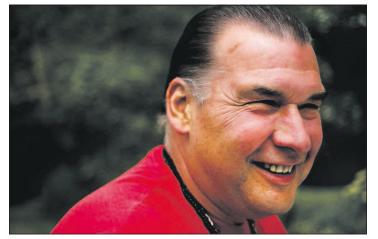
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Chinook Tribal Chairman Ray Gardner dies



Observer file photo Ray Gardner, chairman of the Chinook Indian Nation, died Tuesday.

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MENLO, Wash. — Ray Gardner, chairman of the Chinook Indian Nation, died Tuesday after a long struggle with lung disease. He was 59.

Gardner led the Chinook Tribe during an exciting time, coming close to achieving his people's dream of attaining official tribal status within the U.S. federal system. He oversaw a successful effort to have the tribe's Middle Village included as a prominent unit within Lewis and Clark National His-

He took a medical leave of absence from active tribal leadership Oct. 12, 2013. Vice Chairman Sam Robinson and the Chinook Council have led the Bay Center-based tribe since then, but Gardner continued to participate in cultural activities.

"For the past three years, I have lived with a condition known as idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, and it has come to the point where I must focus my time and energy on beating this disease," he said in November 2013. Gardner used supplemental oxygen during most physical activities after his illness became severe.

Gardner contemplated applying for the lung transplant list, but weighed the pros and cons of various transplant-related factors, including having to relocate to the Seattle area in order to be nearby whenever a donation became available. He and his wife, Jill, who survives, lived in a spectacular setting in the Willapa River Valley. This was part of his ancestral homeland as a Willapa Indian, one of the component tribes of the Chinook Nation.

In addition to actively participating in tribal leadership for 13 years, Gardner was employed as a transportation specialist with Washington state for 24 years. He once worked at a mill, in oyster beds, on a commercial crab boat, and drove truck for 16 years. In addition to his intense involvement with the Chinook Nation, he also served on the

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RARE VOLUNTEERS CERTIFY LOCAL TEENS



Brandon Hall, a senior at Astoria High School, demonstrates the P.A.S.S. method of extinguishing a fire during a CERT class at Astoria High School Tuesday. P.A.S.S. stands for pull, aim, squeeze and swerve.

Area high-schoolers train as Community Emergency Response Team members

By EDWARD STRATTON The Daily Astorian

fter shimmying him onto a blanket and creating a makeshift stretcher with a broomstick and dowel rod for handles, Marcus Giles' classmates evacuated their injured classmate out of Warrenton High School's

cafeteria. Behind the Brick House at Astoria High School, students practiced extinguishing propane fires in two-man teams.

In Astoria, Warrenton and Seaside, teens are being trained as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) members, ready to help staff at their high schools respond when disaster strikes.

Behind the effort is Clatsop County Emergency Manager Tiffany Brown, who more than three years ago learned about a robust teen CERT program run by Sue Graves, the safety coordinator with the Lincoln County School District.

"I thought 'Wow; that's amazing. But how do you go from nothing to that," said Brown of Lincoln County high schools, where students can take CERT training as a credit course and are fully integrated into the county's emergency response plans.

CERT, a national program sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills to aid first responders. There are adult CERT teams in Cannon Beach, Seaside, Warrenton, Gearhart, Astoria, Lewis and Clark and Jewell, each sponsored by a fire or police de-

partment. Brown was encouraged by Jeremy Goldsmith, an intern with the city of Seaside through the Resource Assistance for Rural Environments (RARE) AmeriCorps program administered through the

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Blast those birds! Legislation may expand uses of fireworks for

repelling birds

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A Caspian tern flies over Crump Lake Island near Adel. House Bill 2432 would broaden the use of fireworks beyond protecting crops and forest products and will apply to seafood processing enterprises on the Astoria riverfront. The bill moved to the House floor with a unanimous "do pass" recommendation from the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Tuesday.

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SALEM — Legislation that would expand the use of fireworks to repel birds in Oregon will be voted on by the state House after key lawmakers recommended passing the bill.

House Bill 2432, which would broaden the use of fireworks beyond protecting crops and forest products, moved to the House floor with a unanimous "do pass" recommendation from the House Committee on Agriculture

and Natural Resources Tuesday.

The bill would allow the state fire marshal to issue permits for using fireworks at golf courses, landfills, airports, seafood facilities and other properties, in addition to farms and forests.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal stopped issuing fireworks permits for golf courses and landfills to scare off geese and other birds in 2010, after it was brought to the agency's attention that such uses were limited by law to farms and forests, said Anita Phillips, license and permits manager for the agency.

The bill would clarify the law and allow the state agency to again issue

such permits, she said. The agency doesn't expect more than 50 additional applications as a result of the change, Phillips said.

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Master plan carries substantial price tag

Cannon Beach preparation could cost \$3.5 million

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CANNON BEACH — A master plan for the city of Cannon Beach's South Wind property designates where a school and other public buildings could be placed on the 58.3-acre site, but it doesn't say where the \$3.5 million will come from to prepare the site before any construction can occur on it.

Developed by a citizens committee, the plan was presented to the Cannon Beach City Council Tuesday night. City Planner Mark Barnes said it will be used for the council and city staff in making decisions about the property's future and also will provide a foundation for the possible expansion of the city's urban growth boundary. The council will take another look at the plan at a work session before adopting it.

The property, composed of a 55acre tract purchased by the city from Campbell Global in 2013 and a 3.3acre parcel bought from Clatsop County in 1990, is south of the Haystack Heights neighborhood on the south end of Cannon Beach and east of U.S. Highway 101. Because most of the property is above the tsunami inundation line, the master plan calls for placing police and fire stations, a preschool, food pantry and emergency shelter and operations center there.

The plan also reserves 2.1 acres for a charter school in the center of the site. However, the proposed school has not yet received approval from the Seaside School District or the state Board of Higher Education.

Of the 58.3 acres, development is shown for only 6.3 acres. An additional five acres could be developed, according to local geologist Tom Horning, who studied the site and prepared a report for the master plan committee. Although the plan doesn't rule out development on other parts of the site, it could be costly because of steep slopes, soil quality and stream corridors.

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