

Gearhart: City receives letters on vacation-rental issue daily

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Owners would be required to provide neighbors within a 200-foot radius with contact information, a parking plan and the city website where the information is also posted.

“Good neighbor” policies and emergency information

would also be required.

‘Meat left on bone’

Sweet said the city is receiving letters on the short-term rental issue every day.

One letter in the Wednesday City Council packet urged the board to “enact regulations that are being considered.”

Another advised the council to consider the noise, safety and destruction of “the neighborhood fabric,” as a result of short-term rentals.

Property owners and renters opposed to new rules said “a few disgruntled homeowners does not a problem make.” Others asked the council to

consider “responsible homeowners who care about Gearhart, their neighbors and take rentals seriously.”

Sweet said he expects up to 50 people at Thursday’s 6 p.m. meeting at the firehouse — chosen as a location because of the anticipated larger crowd. “I think people should par-

ticipate, based on two of the more restrictive items in the proposal draft, only 35 available permits and seven-day reservation blocks,” Sweet said. “That was added on fairly recently.”

As for the rules that will eventually be adopted, “Anything is an option,” he said.

“This is where we’re starting the discussion for the public meeting,” Sweet said. “We’ll see what survives and gets forwarded to the City Council. There will be meat left on the bone for the Planning Commission to adjust prior to pushing it up to the council.”

Trial: Roden could face death penalty

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Judge Paula Brownhill said she will take the arguments and testimony into consideration and make a ruling within the next few weeks.

Roden, who is facing the death penalty if convicted, watched the hearing via video link from prison, where he is serving an eight-year sentence for violating probation from a previous domestic violence conviction. At one point, he became agitated with defense lawyers Conor Huseby and Robert Axford, and had to be muted.

“I can’t believe you are flipping a coin and throwing my life away,” he said.

Expert testimony

The prosecution called five expert witnesses: Clatsop County Medical Examiner JoAnn Giuliani; Deputy State Medical Examiner Clifford Nelson; Oregon State Police forensic scientist Chrystal Bell; Cathleen Lang, who specializes in child abuse pediatrics; and Richard Fixott, a forensic odontologist.

The defense did not call any witnesses, claiming their expert — Janice Ophoven, a pediatric forensic pathologist — was unavailable. Roden’s lawyers are basing their case on Ophoven’s claims that the children’s injuries were from a dangerous flesh-eating virus known as methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus infection. She says the toddler likely died from complications of the infection, rather than from blunt-

force trauma. The two brothers also showed signs of the infection, she said.

Because signs of the infection were never investigated, the defense wants Roden’s case dismissed.

“In failing to do any meaningful testing to confirm the presence of a massive and deadly bacterial infection in this case, the state has failed Mr. Roden and put his life in jeopardy,” his lawyers wrote in a court filing.

Graphic evidence

At the hearing, state experts said the infection was present on the children, but did not account for the physical abuse and broken bones. Court documents reveal Evangelina Wing was found with injuries around her entire body, including two black eyes, a broken arm, bruises over her entire face and chest and hemorrhaging around her head. Patrick Wing had a broken bone in his pelvic region and extensive bruising. Peydon Kahclamat-Harding made statements to doctors about people lighting paper on fire in his nose and ears.

“The defense has a novel theory that Evangelina Wing’s death was caused by MRSA,” prosecutors wrote in a court document. “This is made up from whole cloth. They are trying to whitewash the terrible physical evidence that exists.”

Peydon, who was 5 at the time, told investigators “they chained him and locked him in a cage like a dog.” Investigators found a metal bed frame that was barred on the

sides in the hallway, and possibly used as a cage. In addition, investigators believe the crawl space in the apartment may have been used to trap the children.

Chrystal Bell, who documented the bloodstain evidence at the scene, testified there was blood spatter in every room, including on holiday decorations and on the wall behind a Christmas tree. The findings told her the blood was in flight and likely came from people of “shorter stature.”

Bell said the spatter in the bathroom was not consistent with a story Roden told police about Evangelina falling from the toilet onto a child’s plastic potty.

Prosecutors say the case relies heavily on the graphic evidence and expert opinion, since there are no eyewitnesses other than the children and defendants.

Dorothy Wing, 26, pleaded guilty earlier this year to first-degree manslaughter and two counts of first-degree criminal mistreatment. She was sentenced to more than 15 years in prison, contingent on her truthfully testifying at Roden’s trial.

The prosecution believes the evidence points to Roden, while the defense says it points to Wing.

Both Roden and Wing told investigators about incidents where Evangelina fell coming from a bus stop, fell off of a toilet and got in tussles with her brothers. Before her sentencing, Wing said, she wished she never left her children with Roden.

Intellectually disabled

Roden has pleaded not guilty to 15 charges. He is accused of aggravated murder for the intentional maiming or torture of the toddler and having a pattern and practice of assault.

His defense lawyers argued at the hearing this week that he does not qualify for the death penalty because he is intellectually disabled. They explained how the Georgia native was held back in grade school and never graduated high school. When he lived with Dorothy Wing, the defense said, he gave her his money because he was unable to pay bills on time and handle his finances.

The defense said he always relied on Wing, and did not know the children needed medical attention.

“The defendant in this case suffers from an inability to function in day-to-day life,” the lawyers wrote.

If Roden was mentally disabled, the prosecutors said, they would agree he would not be eligible for the death penalty. But prosecutors do not believe he is mentally disabled.

Prosecutors noted he did poorly in school because of his bad behavior and delinquency. As an adult, they say, he held a high-paying job working on bridges, including the Astoria Bridge.

“He was a user (of women),” Deputy District Attorney Dawn Buzzard said. “That’s how he was able to get by.”

Awards: ‘This award really is for everybody’

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Lum, the dealership’s marketing and community outreach manager, helped oversee the recent restoration of the Astoria Column.

“They didn’t do it on their own, but they were the team captains and made our town a little bit better,” former Mayor Willis Van Dusen said in a statement.

The women — third-generation Chinese-Americans — serve on local boards and committees, and have set up community giving programs for their employees. Lum’s programs focus on children, education and health-and-wellness issues.

“Who would have thought that Dave Lum could produce daughters like this?” Christine Lolich, vice president of the theater’s board, wisecracked. “I mean, we knew Shirley could, right?”

Taking on the world

The Lum sisters took over the family business from their parents, Dave and Shirley Lum, who originally founded Lum’s in 1969 as Toyota of Astoria. Together, the couple raised their daughters to be community-minded, business-savvy and “ready to take on the world,” Helena Barbey Lankton, the award presenter, said.

“On a national scale, almost 90 percent of fam-

ily businesses fail on the transfer from the first generation to the next,” Lankton said.

Though many local businesses have beat those odds, “what is unique in this situation is that an automobile dealership has successfully transitioned down, not to just a woman, but to three women who happen to be sisters involved in a highly predominantly male business, where they have taken charge, moved forward, flourished, while preserving, celebrating and advancing their proud Chinese heritage,” she continued.

Women own and operate only about 5 percent of dealerships, Lankton said.

“Obviously, there’s more work to be done to get more women in the upper-level jobs. But we do need to celebrate the success of those women shattering glass ceilings and changing the playing field,” she said.

With their parents watching them proudly — and their father choking up — the Lum sisters thanked their fellow volunteers, philanthropists, and civic and business leaders in attendance who, in their own ways, have made the North Coast a better place.

“It takes a community to have a community, so thank you,” Julie Lum said. “This award is really for everybody.”



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Dr. Durrani, Astoria, OR

I am a local doctor at Astoria and I loved working with Rosalie. She is awesome, easy to work with, responsive and very personable. I would love to have her always for any of my properties.

Jim and Sharon Richards, Astoria, OR

Rosalie and I are old friends. She was great as a realtor and stayed positive, although we encountered many irritations during the selling process. Rosalie was so helpful she even came over and vacuumed the house before a showing when our vacuum died. She contributed her money for extra photos and she went all out on advertising. When we needed help, Rosalie had good local contacts and was able to get the needed work done quickly. We are super grateful for all her hard work and recommend her highly.

As a first time home buyer, I could not have asked for a better realtor than Rosalie Larsen. She went above and beyond my expectations and was able to find what I consider “the perfect house” for my budget. Having been a part of the Oregon coast community for decades, she is incredibly knowledgeable of the different areas of Clatsop County. She is an extremely hard worker, who always returned my calls promptly throughout the whole buying process. She also took the time to patiently answer all of the questions I had, as a new buyer. She helped with every aspect of the home buying process including all of my inspections. I give Rosalie Larsen my highest recommendation and wouldn’t hesitate to recommend her to anyone looking for a highly qualified and extremely motivated realtor on the Oregon Coast. **K. Smitherman, Astoria, OR**



About Rosalie Dimmick Larsen & LÄRSEN COAST HOMES

Rosalie Dimmick Larsen is a true blue Oregonian with a passion for selling homes on the North Oregon Coast. Her love of Oregon is boundless and she has spent more than 24 years honing her real estate skills. She knows the niche markets, neighborhoods and communities from Astoria North to Cannon Beach South and all the quaint villages in between. Her local market knowledge, experience and integrity define Rosalie’s business model. She has a proven track record of success and is a consistent top producer in the County. This January 2016 Rosalie decided with her internet savvy programs and her business background (Rosalie was formerly the City of Cannon Beach’s Finance Director for 17 years prior to becoming a realtor) she would open her own boutique real estate company. She has the systems in place, the commitment, the organizational ability and the knowledge to provide you with personalized real estate services whether selling or buying that will meet and exceed your expectations.

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