

Ceremony to honor fallen police officers

Gooding will be mentioned

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The Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Ceremony is being held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Salem to honor the more than 180 fallen officers in the state who died in the line of duty since the 1880s, including Seaside Police Sgt. Jason Gooding. Gooding was shot and killed in the line of duty in February. He is the 183rd Oregon law enforcement officer to have died since the first was recorded two centuries ago.

His death will be included in comments made during

the ceremony and his name will be added to the Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Officer Memorial during the 2017 ceremony.

Gov. Kate Brown and Dianne Bernhard, executive director of the Concerns of Police Survivors, will both speak at the ceremony, held at the Oregon Public Safety Academy.

The ceremony is hosted by the state Department of Public Safety Standards and Training in partnership with the Oregon Law Enforcement Memorial Trust Fund, Oregon Concerns of Police Survivors, Oregon Fallen Badge Foundation and Oregon's various statewide law enforcement associations.

Burglary, arson investigated at Warrenton restaurant

Fire discovered after break-in

By KYLE SPURR
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Authorities are investigating a possible burglary and arson at El Compadre Restaurant in Warrenton.

Warrenton Police responded to a break-in at the restaurant Friday morning and discovered smoke in every corner of the building. Warrenton Fire arrived and was able to contain the fire.

Nobody was in the restaurant, and no injuries were reported.



Courtesy of El Compadre Facebook page

Fire damaged a Mexican restaurant in Warrenton Friday after a break-in.

El Compadre Restaurant wrote on its Facebook page Friday that someone broke into the restaurant and a fire was started in a storage room.

"Luckily our Warrenton Police Department was notified soon enough and they together with our firefighters were there and everything was under control," the restaur-

ant wrote. The smoke damage is extensive, according to the fire department. The restaurant remains closed.

The police and fire departments are conducting simultaneous investigations to determine how the fire started and if it is connected to the burglary.

Warrenton Police Chief Mathew Workman said there was definitely forced entry into the building and a theft occurred, leading police to believe the burglary is related to the fire. "Until we get the official word from the fire investigation, we can't really make that call," Workman said.

There is no timetable for the length of the investigations.

Hops production rises to meet craft brewer needs

Associated Press

YAKIMA, Wash. — A new report says production of hops is up this year, putting the Washington-centered industry in a better position to respond to continuing growth of the craft beer industry.

The recent report from the Hop Growers of America says total U.S. hop acreage in production this year is projected to increase by about 6,000 acres, or about 13 percent.

The Yakima Herald-Republic says the vast majority of those new acres are expected to be in the Pacific Northwest, including the Yakima Valley, where about 75 percent of the nation's hops are grown.

The report was prepared for the International Hop Growers Convention in Paris last month.

Hops are used primarily to flavor beer, and demand for the plant has grown as craft beers have become more popular.

City Council approves property sale

Previous sales have been controversial

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
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The Astoria City Council agreed Monday night to sell a slice of city land to Bruce Conner, a travel agency owner and cruise ship marketer, who wants to build his retirement home on the property.

The 0.32-acre parcel sits behind Conner's home off Alameda Avenue. Steven Weed, an appraiser hired by the city, put the value at \$47,000.

Weed's appraisals have been criticized by some residents who believe the city has sold off property to the well-connected in sweetheart deals. In April, before a 3-2 council vote to hold a hearing on the sale to Conner, Shel Cantor, a retired engineer, claimed Weed based his appraisals on the prospective buyer rather than the property.

In a letter to The Daily Astorian, Weed said he had been "unfairly, publicly slandered by self-appointed value experts."

City Manager Brett Estes said he and Ken Cook, the city's public works director, spoke with Weed after the April meeting and concluded that the \$47,000 appraisal for the Ala-

ameda Avenue land was fair. The property would need water, sewer and road improvements to develop.

"I do believe that he provided us with a good appraisal," Estes said. "And I trust the work that he put into this and would say, 'Yes, it is a good fee.'"

City Councilor Drew Herzig said the city should use "extreme discretion" when considering city land for sale and should ensure the best price and best possible use.

"I don't feel that the city has demonstrated that we are absolutely getting the best price for this property and it will be put to the best possible use," Herzig said.

Mayor Arline LaMear, who visited the Alameda Avenue parcel, said the property is not suitable for affordable housing or other city needs. The only access, she said, is through Conner's property.

"To try to open this up for any other kind of housing doesn't make any sense to me," the mayor said.

The City Council voted 3-1 in favor of the sale to Conner, with LaMear, City Councilor Zetty Nemlowill and City Councilor Russ Warr voting for



Russ Warr



Drew Herzig

the sale and Herzig voting against. City Councilor Cindy Price, who had voted in April against holding a public hearing on

the sale, was excused.

Earlier in the meeting, Warr, referring to Weed's letter to the newspaper, chastised Cantor, who was not in attendance.

"If you don't have a pretty good indication that somebody's done something wrong, I think it's pretty bad to accuse them," Warr said. "And that's what happened in this case and I hope it stops."

In other business Monday night, the City Council:

- Approved an amended management agreement with Friends of the Astoria Column for the Coxcomb Hill landmark.

Councilor Herzig had sought to delay the vote until City Attorney Blair Henningsgaard, who was not at the meeting, could clarify whether the nonprofit Friends group is a city commission.

Mayor LaMear appoints board directors to the nonprofit, so Herzig questioned whether the board is a public body subject to the state's open meetings law.

Councilor Warr cited what he describes as the "wonderful relationship" between the city and the Friends, which manages the Column and has raised private money for restoration. The Column is a city park.

"I don't think that we should be nitpicky with them," Warr said. "If we need to make a change, let's make it next year."

In a 3-1 vote, Warr, LaMear and Nemlowill approved the management agreement with the Friends, while Herzig voted against the contract.

Jordan Schnitzer, the Portland real estate magnate and philanthropist who leads the Friends, told the City Council Monday night that the Column had gross income of \$385,128 last year, down 29 percent from the prior year.

The decline was because the Column was closed to visitors from May until October for a \$1 million restoration project.

County receives \$55,000 for emergency planning projects

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Clatsop County recently received \$55,000 from the state Office of Emergency Management to fund two local emergency planning projects.

The funds are part of more than \$3 million in awards to local projects statewide from the State Homeland Security Program.

A \$30,000 portion of the county's funds will go toward a countywide shelter and open area assessment to further develop tsunami assembly and evacuation sites.

For the assessment, every city and the county will participate with a consultant to examine high ground areas identified on maps and in planning documents to use the information for future site development.

The remaining \$25,000 will be used by Cannon Beach to develop a response and recovery field operations guide. The guide will enhance response and recovery capabilities for Cannon Beach city staff and emergency volunteer personnel, many of whom live more than 20 miles outside the city boundaries, according to the county.

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