

Bonamici recognizes longtime columnist

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Columnist Claire Lovell was recognized by U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici in a speech the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives Friday morning.

The recognition for the longtime Seaside Signal columnist comes after her death earlier this year at the age of 96. Her column, "Scene and Heard," was a regular staple of the newspaper, first appearing in January 1990 and continuing up to the time of her death on March 15.

"Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Claire Lovell, an accomplished columnist and devoted resident of Seaside, Oregon," Bonamici said. "North Coast residents are richer for Claire's presence and I join them in celebrating her life and her legacy. For 27 years, Claire's column chronicled the happenings of Seaside with cogent prose and an observant eye. First known as 'Overheard: Notes from Seaside,' and later 'Scene and Heard,' her column was the first thing readers went to when they eagerly opened their newspaper. Indeed, some readers bought the newspaper just for her column. Claire was a Seaside resident for almost all of her 96 years and no one was better qualified to document the city's life.

"Whether she was sharing her observation on politics popular culture, growing older or the birth of her first great-grandchild, Claire enriched each topic with her signature verve and keen love of the written word. In a recent column Claire wrote, whether one is 5 years old or 95 as the case may be, life's



Claire Lovell in an undated photo. Claire Lovell in a recent photo.

small pleasures are very important. For decades, one of Seaside's small pleasures was reading her column. It is my honor to recognize Claire Lovell's many contributions to our community and to offer my condolences to her family and the Seaside community on the loss of this remarkable woman. Her wit, wisdom and well-chosen words will not be forgotten."

Lovell was born in Seaside on Sept. 9, 1920, to Charles and Myrtle (Sawrey) Ruthrauff. The youngest of nine children, she attended Central School and Seaside Union High School, graduating as salutatorian with the Class of 1937, an honor she shared with close friend Evelyn (Stewart) Redkey.

Claire is survived by her children, Robin (Hill) Deringer (Stan Delgado) of Bremerton, Washington, Gary Hill (Connie Oksol) of Oakland, California, Jeffrey Hill (Nancy) and Lauren (Lovell) McMichaels (Rob), both of Eugene, Oregon; grandchildren, Aimee, Andra, Julia, David and Elena; and great-granddaughter, Emery. She was preceded in death by longtime friend and sweetheart, John Raniero.

A memorial celebration will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Seaside United Methodist Church, with a reception to follow.

Goodding to be honored in Salem

Fallen officer's name etched on memorial

By R.J. MARX
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SEASIDE — Seaside will have a presence in Salem on Tuesday when Sgt. Jason Goodding will be honored during this year's Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial ceremony.

Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham said the ceremony holds meaning for the police force and family. "Every time you turn the corner, there's someone bringing it back up — in a good way," he said. "I don't think that will ever end. (But) to a certain degree I believe there's going to be a bit of closure."

Goodding, 39, was on patrol in February 2016 when he was shot and killed while taking 55-year-old Phillip Ferry into custody on a warrant. Ferry fired one shot at Goodding, a 13-year Seaside Police veteran, before Goodding's partner, David Davidson, returned fire and killed Ferry. Goodding died later at Providence Seaside Hospital.

Goodding is survived by his wife, Amy, and two daughters, Joslyn and Jayden.

Goodding's name was



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An officer stands to the side as Jason Goodding's name is engraved on the Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Memorial.

recently etched into the memorial in Salem under the vigil of law enforcement honor guard members.

The memorial honors 183 fallen Oregon law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty since the 1880s.

Most of Seaside's police and fire department will be attending the ceremony at the Oregon Public Safety Academy, Ham said. The memorial is open to the public.

Ham, who attended last year's ceremony, said an area will be reserved for the Goodding family and other families of officers who have died.

He advises attendees to arrive promptly for the 1 p.m.

event and be prepared for outdoor weather. A shuttle service will be available for parking.

For now, Ham is preparing to deliver a speech for the military-style event.

"There's been so much said over the last year," he said. "I think there's going to be a period of thank-you's to everybody who's been part of the support, not only for our department but the city."

A candlelight vigil during National Police Week starting May 13 at the National Mall in Washington, D.C., will conclude the year of

remembrances, Ham said. At that event, officers and families nationwide attend a formal dedication of the engraved memorial to officers who have fallen nationwide. Goodding's name will be added to that wall.

"Not that he will ever be forgotten or it will be a closed case," Ham said. "There have been so many things that came out of this: Whether it be the scholarship in his name in Sherwood, the foundation, the remembrances, the memorials — that will be his legacy. Everything Jason would have been absolutely proud of."

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