

Levy: Other funding options are being explored to limit cost

Continued from Page 1

estimates 80 percent of the 380 calls Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue responds to each year are medical.

The majority of emergency service calls come from north Clatsop County, so in Cannon Beach it is not uncommon for an ambulance to take 15 to 40 minutes to arrive, Benedict said. In one case, he recalls waiting 45 minutes before an ambulance could treat someone with dangerously low blood pressure.

Medix Operational Manager Duane Mullins said there is always at least one ambulance stationed in Seaside and Astoria. While he considers response times over 10 minutes to be the minority, the reality is the farther calls are from those nodes the longer the response time.

"Someone living in Elsie is not going to get the same response than someone in Seaside living across the street from McDonald's," Mullins said. "I think trying to add a couple more people is smart.



Cannon Beach Fire Chief Matt Benedict does paperwork in his office at the main station.

Fire departments don't respond to fires anymore; they respond to medical calls."

But with Benedict as the only paramedic on staff and volunteer firefighters having varying degrees of emer-

gency medical technician certifications, this can leave first responders without advanced life support for minutes in a field where seconds count.

"Bringing on two firefighter paramedics on alternat-

ing 12-hour shifts would mean we could have someone with the right skills respond no matter what," Benedict said. "You just can't predict when you are going to be responding to these kinds of calls."

Recruitment and retention

Like many fire departments across the country, recruiting and retaining volunteers is a challenge. The number of volunteers has been slowly declining over a number of years, from about 30 to 18 who respond on a regular basis. It's a problem reflected in Cannon Beach's citizen survey, where positive ratings for fire services dropped by 5 percent from last year.

Benedict attributes volunteer retention issues to the heightened training required by the state that can demand more time. The lack of affordable housing in Cannon Beach also makes it hard to find volunteers who can afford to live in the district they serve.

To address the challenges, the recruitment and retention specialist would figure out what resources are available to solve the problem. The specialist would explore different community partnerships in the hopes of expanding the program.

With residents juggling the bond passed in 2016 to pay for the new Seaside school campus, as well as a levy to pay for a firetruck, Benedict said he is exploring other funding options to limit the cost to taxpayers.

The fire district is also discussing whether to ask the city to raise the lodging tax as supplemental funding.

"A majority of our responses are for individuals that do not pay property tax and are from out of town," Benedict said.

If the board doesn't support the higher levy, the original fire chief levy, which would just pay for the chief's salary and expenses, would be back on the ballot. It's enough to operate with for now, Benedict said. But eventually, he believes these needs will have to be addressed.

"What price do you put on a life?" Benedict said. "On a \$100,000 house, you are paying \$35 a year. That's not much for an insurance plan."

Line: Landowners concerned about health impacts to themselves, livestock

Continued from Page 1A

The transmission line would also prevent aerial pesticide spraying over certain fields and its construction would be disruptive to grazing and silage harvesting, Mizee said.

A vibratory hammer will be used to install the transmission tower foundations, which is also disturbing to cattle due to the region's soft, spongy soil, he said.

"They've offered us almost nothing as far as compensation for a pretty big impact," said Mizee.

Forestland will also be negatively affected by the transmission line, which will require trees to be cleared along a right-of-way, said La Follette.

A 115-kilovolt transmission line would usually require a 100-foot wide right of way, but in this case, it may be narrower under certain circumstances, according to the Tillamook Public Utility District.

Landowners are also concerned about the health impacts to themselves and their livestock from being exposed to electromagnetic emissions, La Follette said.

In 2008, the Tillamook Public Utility District agreed to find possible connection points for an offshore wind energy project to deliver electricity to its grid.

While that memorandum of agreement has since expired, it shows the utility district is at least open to the possibility of offshore renewable energy, La Follette said.

Todd Simmons, the utility district's general manager, said

the agreement with a developer was intended to allow the region to anticipate and plan for offshore energy.

However, the utility district doesn't now have any plans to connect to such offshore projects, Simmons said.

Currently, a single distribution line serves about 3,000 properties in the Oceanside area, which is three times more prone to outages than other areas on the utility district's grid, he said.

"When that line goes out, everybody's out of power until we make that repair," Simmons said. "We're vulnerable

with that one line."

The distribution line is also at 90 to 95 percent electrical load capacity, so more capacity is needed to accommodate Oceanside's eventual growth, he said.

Constructing a second distribution line — which has a smaller footprint than a transmission line — wouldn't make

sense because it could still be affected by falling trees or car collisions, he said.

In that situation, there would only be a single connection to Oceanside, which would result in brownouts when the community's electricity needs eventually become greater than its load capacity, Simmons said. The transmission

line, by comparison, would still be able to fully serve the community if the distribution line had to be repaired.

Simmons said the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has not found transmission lines to cause

adverse health effects, and stray voltage won't be an issue.

The electric pressure on a transmission line is so strong that it's unlikely to leak electricity, unlike distribution lines, which have lower electrical pressure, he said.

WANTED
Alder and Maple Saw Logs & Standing Timber
 Northwest Hardwoods • Longview, WA
 Contact: John Anderson • 360-269-2500

WE GIVE CASH LOANS
 for:

- GOLD
- GUNS
- TOOLS
- SILVER
- JEWELRY
- ANTIQUES
- ELECTRONICS
- SPORTING GOODS
- MUSICAL EQUIPMENT

Now Open!

1139 COMMERCIAL STREET S ASTORIA
503-741-3477

EMERALD HEIGHTS APARTMENTS

503-325-8221

2 & 3 BEDROOM APARTMENTS

All Rents Include: Electricity • Garbage • Water

ASK ABOUT NEWLY REMODELED APARTMENTS

CONCEAL CARRY PERMIT CLASSES

JANUARY 3RD 1PM AND 6PM

BEST WESTERN
555 Hamburg Ave, Astoria, OR
 \$45 Oregon-only
 \$80 multi-State (Oregon included no-fee)

360.921.2071
 FirearmTrainingNW.com : FirearmrainingNW@gmail.com

THE DAILY ASTORIAN **TV SCHEDULE** Evening listings TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										JANUARY 2	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Middle (N)	Fresh Off the Boat	Black-ish (N)	The Mayor	Saves the World "The Ugly Sleep" (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Middle (N)	Fresh Off the Boat	Black-ish (N)	The Mayor	Saves the World "The Ugly Sleep" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Games "I'll Have What She's Playing" (N)	This Is Us			Chic.Med "Mountains and Molehills"		KING 5 News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "High Tide" (N)		Bull "Survival Instincts" (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "Monster" (N)		KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:55) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "High Tide" (N)		Bull "Survival Instincts" (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "Monster" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(3:55) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	Games "I'll Have What She's Playing" (N)	This Is Us			Chic.Med "Mountains and Molehills"		KGW News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Flash "Therefore I Am"	LegendTomor: "Welcome to the Jungle"			News at 10 (N)	[MOM]	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Penelope Keith	American Experience "Influenza 1918"			Frontline "Abacus: Small Enough to Jail"		First Degree	First Degree
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal Weapon "Funny Money" (N)	LA to Vegas (P) (N) The Mick (N)			10 O'Clock News (N)		Fox 12 News	Page Six TV
13	KPDV	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)	9 O'Clock News (N)			Family Guy American Dad!		The Game	The Game
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "Funny Money" (N)	LA to Vegas (P) (N) The Mick (N)			Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory			The Joker's Wild Drop the Mic		Conan	Conan
22	KZJQ	(22) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)			Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory		Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) NCAA Basketball (L)				SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)			SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)
30	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball (L)				H.S. Football Skills Challenge	NFL Live			Jalen & Jacoby Jalen and David break down the latest in sports. (N)		Friends	Friends
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky			Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	K.C. Undercover			Stuck in Middle	Liv and Maddie	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home
34	FAM	(34) The Middle	★★ Monster-in-Law (2005, Comedy) Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan, Jennifer Lopez.	★★ Monster-in-Law (2005, Comedy) Jane Fonda, Michael Vartan, Jennifer Lopez.	★★ Maid in Manhattan (2002, Comedy) Ralph Fiennes, Tyler Garcia Posey, Jennifer Lopez.	★★ Maid in Manhattan (2002, Comedy) Ralph Fiennes, Tyler Garcia Posey, Jennifer Lopez.	No Good Deed (2014, Thriller) Taraji P. Henson, Idris Elba. (c45) FXM Presents			The 700 Club		The 700 Club	The 700 Club
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) The Purge	(c45) ★★ The Purge: Anarchy (14, Horror) Kiele Sanchez, Zach Gilford, Frank Grillo. (c40) FXM Presents	(c45) ★★ The Purge: Anarchy (14, Horror) Kiele Sanchez, Zach Gilford, Frank Grillo. (c40) FXM Presents	(c45) ★★ The Purge: Anarchy (14, Horror) Kiele Sanchez, Zach Gilford, Frank Grillo. (c40) FXM Presents	(c45) ★★ The Purge: Anarchy (14, Horror) Kiele Sanchez, Zach Gilford, Frank Grillo. (c40) FXM Presents	(c45) ★★ The Purge: Anarchy (14, Horror) Kiele Sanchez, Zach Gilford, Frank Grillo. (c40) FXM Presents			The Fog (2005, Horror) Tom Welling.		The Fog (2005, Horror) Tom Welling.	The Fog (2005, Horror) Tom Welling.
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms	Dance Moms			Dance Moms (c:10) Dance Moms		Dance Moms	Dance Moms
39	ROOT	(39) Mark Faw (N)	NCAA Football Foster Farms Bowl Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif.	NCAA Football Foster Farms Bowl Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif.	NCAA Football Foster Farms Bowl Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif.	NCAA Football Foster Farms Bowl Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif.	NCAA Football Foster Farms Bowl Site: Levi's Stadium -- Santa Clara, Calif.			NCAA Football Holiday Bowl Washington State vs. Michigan State		NCAA Football Holiday Bowl Washington State vs. Michigan State	NCAA Football Holiday Bowl Washington State vs. Michigan State
39	F51	(39) NCAA Basketball Georgetown at DePaul (L)				Speak for Yourself	TMZ Sports (N)			Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.		NFL Films	NFL Films
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends			Ink Master: Angels		Tattoo Nightmares	Tattoo Night.
44	COM	(44) Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0			Ink Master: Angels		The Opposition	The Opposition
45	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire		(c:05) Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper Enhanced episodes of 'Forged in Fire.'				Tosh.0	Tosh.0	(c:05) Forged in Fire	(c:05) Forged in Fire
46	A&E	(46) To Be Announced				To Be Announced							
47	TLC	(47) My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Countdown to the New Season"				Big Fat Fabulous "Is Whitney Pregnant?" Whitney discovers she might be pregnant.	Whitney discovers she might be pregnant.			I Am Jazz (N)		(c:05) Big Fat Fab. "Is Whitney Pregnant?"	(c:05) Big Fat Fab. "Is Whitney Pregnant?"
48	DISC	(48) Moonshiners	Moonshiners "Dog Days of Shining"	Moonshiners "Dog Days of Shining"	Moonshiners "Bootlegging"	Moonshiners "Stash and Grab" (N)	Death Ray			Death Ray		Moonshiners "Stash and Grab"	Moonshiners "Stash and Grab"
49	NGEO	(49) Monster Fish "Salmonzilla"	Monster Fish "Russian Giants"	Monster Fish "Russian Giants"	Monster Fish "Giant Killer Catfish"	Monster Fish "Shark Eating Goliath"	Monster Fish "India's River Devil"			Monster Fish "India's River Devil"		Monster Fish "Shark Eating Goliath"	Monster Fish "Shark Eating Goliath"
50	TNT	(50) Bones "The Geek in the Guck"	Bones "The Party in the Pants"	Bones "The Party in the Pants"	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 2"	M.Crimies "By Any Means: Part 3" (N)	Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 3"			Major Crimes "By Any Means: Part 3"		Law & Order "Coming Down Hard"	Law & Order "Coming Down Hard"
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) ★★ True Lies ('94) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tom Arnold, Jamie Lee Curtis.	★★ True Lies ('94) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tom Arnold, Jamie Lee Curtis.	★★ True Lies ('94) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tom Arnold, Jamie Lee Curtis.	★★ Armageddon (1998, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis.	★★ Armageddon (1998, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis.	★★ Armageddon (1998, Adventure) Liv Tyler, Ben Affleck, Bruce Willis.			Chisley Knows Chisley Knows		Modern Family	Modern Family
52	FOOD	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Lost Traveler"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Spiraling Down"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Spiraling Down"	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Part 2"	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Part 3"	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Part 3"			Chopped (N)		Chopped "Chili Cook-Off"	Chopped "Chili Cook-Off"
53	USA	(53) Chopped	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Part 2"	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Part 2"	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Part 2"	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Part 3"	Chopped "Beat Bobby Flay, Part 3"			Chisley Knows Chisley Knows		Modern Family	Modern Family
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper (N)			Restored Fords (N) House Hunters (N)		Fixer Upper "Retiring to the Country"	Fixer Upper "Retiring to the Country"
56	FX	(56) (5:00) ★★ Spider-Man 3 ('07, Action) Kirsten Dunst, James Franco, Tobey Maguire.	★★★ 22 Jump Street (2014, Action/Comedy) Jonah Hill, Ice Cube, Channing Tatum.	★★★ 22 Jump Street (2014, Action/Comedy) Jonah Hill, Ice Cube, Channing Tatum.	★★★ 22 Jump Street (2014, Action/Comedy) Jonah Hill, Ice Cube, Channing Tatum.	★★★ 22 Jump Street (2014, Action/Comedy) Jonah Hill, Ice Cube, Channing Tatum.	★★★ 22 Jump Street (2014, Action/Comedy) Jonah Hill, Ice Cube, Channing Tatum.			★★★ 22 Jump Street (2014) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum.		★★★ 22 Jump Street (2014) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum.	★★★ 22 Jump Street (2014) Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum.
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Special Report "The Trump-Russia Investigation"	CNN Special Report "The Trump-Russia Investigation"	CNN Special	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360			Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	CNN Special Report
58	FNC	(58) Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	The Ingraham Angle	Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity			Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	The Ingraham Angle
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	The Profit in Marijuana Country (N)	The Profit in Marijuana Country (N)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	The Profit in Marijuana Country			The Profit in Marijuana Country		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRV	(63) Housewives Atlanta "Rock the Boat"	Beverly Hills "Stronger Than Ever"	Beverly Hills "Stronger Than Ever"	Beverly Hills "Diva Las Vegas"	Beverly Hills "Bad Guys" (N)	Beverly Hills "Bad Guys" (N)			Beverly Hills "Bad Guys" (N)		WatchWhat	Beverly Hills
64	TCM	(64) (1:15) ★★ It's a Gift ('34, Comedy) Baby LeRoy, W.C. Fields. (c45) ★★ The Bank Dick ('40) Una Merkel, W.C. Fields.	(c15) ★★ Never Give a Sucker an Even Break (W.C. Fields. (c45) The Dentist	(c15) ★★ Never Give a Sucker an Even Break (W.C. Fields. (c45) The Dentist	(c15) ★★ Never Give a Sucker an Even Break (W.C. Fields. (c45) The Dentist	(c15) ★★ Never Give a Sucker an Even Break (W.C. Fields. (c45) The Dentist	(c15) ★★ Never Give a Sucker an Even Break (W.C. Fields. (c45) The Dentist			(c15) Fatal Glass		(c15) Fatal Glass	Movie
65	SYFY	(65) (5:30) ★★ The Fifth Element ('97) Milla Jovovich, Gary Oldman, Bruce Willis.			Futurama	Futurama	Futurama			Futurama		Futurama	Futurama
162	RFD	(162) (5:30) Cattlemen	Women's Rodeo	Downunder Horseman.		Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News			Cattlemen to Cattlemen		Women's Rodeo	Product Showcase