

State lottery considers offering smartphone games

By PARIS ACHEN Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon Lottery officials are considering offering traditional lottery games on mobile devices as soon as 2019.

The proposal to launch games such as Scratch, Draw and Keno on smartphones is part of a draft strategic plan to modernize the state lottery and boost state revenue.

Lottery revenue helps pay for public education, economic development, state parks and natural resources and veteran services.

“Our focus is on the opportunity for the Lottery to join the current century and engage players on a platform they want,” said Oregon Lottery Director Barry Pack.

want to play the lottery there.” At least 10 states, Canada and European countries offer lottery games on mobile devices.

Many states have turned to the option to try to appeal to millennials who play the lottery at significantly lower rates than their elders. For instance, the average age of a lottery player in Oregon is about 44.

Lottery officials started discussing joining the trend in November when Pack took over as the lottery’s permanent director and began crafting the agency’s three-year strategic plan.

“There is no decision right now,” said MardiLyn Saathoff, lottery commission chairwoman. “This is sort of a beginning of a lot of work to be done to see if the strategy is one that will work for us and one we can continue to support.”

The “iLotto” plan envisions subscription sales through a mobile app and player

accounts that would allow for a personalized experience and time and money limits. It is unclear whether players would purchase tickets directly from the lottery or from retailers.

Players would be required to purchase prepaid or debit cards to pay for the tickets. Pack said he opposes allowing players to use credit cards.

The concept is still in the early stages, he said.

“There are many questions to answer. What kind of games, and what is the technology available, and what is the demand among current players and future players?” he said.

The cost of the program will depend on the scope of offerings. Lottery officials are still studying whether offering mobile games would require any law changes. Those issues could be addressed during the 2019 legislative session.

PENDLETON

Council considers cheaper alternative to bidding process for new fire station

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The Pendleton City Council will take another step toward building the new fire station promised in the \$10 million bond voters passed in May.

After approving an architectural designer at its last meeting, the council will meet Tuesday to consider hiring a contractor during the design phase.

The method is called contract manager/general contractor, and city officials believe it will offer a cheaper alternative to bidding out the project after the design is complete.

The city has never used this method before and, according to a city staff report, the council would need to identify the fire station as a pilot project that could determine if the method delivered cost savings to the city.

If the council chose the contract manager/general contractor method, the contractor would need to submit a maximum fee amount when the design is 80 percent complete. The city has budgeted \$9.4 million to design, develop and build the new fire station on Southeast Court Avenue, replacing the current station at 911 S.W. Court.

The fire department isn’t the only Pendleton public safety agency that will be discussed at the meeting.

Pendleton Police Chief Stuart Roberts is requesting the council approve \$107,000 in vehicle purchases that would bolster the police department’s fleet.

The purchases include three new Ford Interceptor patrol cars with all-wheel drive in addition to two used, low-mileage sedans.

In a report to the council, Roberts wrote that when he initially made the vehicle request in the 2017-2018 budget, he intended to use \$20,000 for a vehicle that would be used by a part-time code enforcement officer.

But when the community service officer’s 2000 Dodge Stratus and the code enforcement officer’s 1999 Chevrolet Blazer were determined to be too expensive to repair, Roberts decided to replace their vehicles with a 2015 Chevrolet Malibu and a 2013 Ford Taurus instead.

Other big-ticket purchases the council will consider are awarding a \$67,676 bid to Columbia Pumping & Construction of Pasco to replace a section of sewer line that runs beneath the Umatilla River and a \$204,193 bid from Jesse Rodriguez Construction of Silverton to replace water mains at Northwest Ninth Street and Southwest 32nd Street.

The council will meet at 7 p.m. at the council chambers in city hall, 500 S.W. Dorion Ave.

BRIEFLY

Car dealer starts serving federal prison sentence

CORVALLIS (AP) — A Corvallis used car dealer has reported to federal prison to begin serving the sentence he received for fleecing customers out of more than \$1 million.

The Gazette-Times reports 46-year-old Shannon Jones pleaded guilty in May to wire fraud. He was instructed to start serving his 2 1/2-year sentence July 5, but got a three-week reprieve.

He turned himself in Wednesday at the Federal Correctional Institution at Sheridan.

Jones’ elaborate web of deception unraveled on Nov. 18, 2015, when angry creditors descended on his lot to haul away inventory and police seized computers and financial records.

Among other things, investigators learned that Jones would sell cars left with him on consignment and keep the proceeds for himself, sometimes selling the same vehicle to more than one buyer.

Salem Police: Security guard arrested in fatal shooting

SALEM (AP) — Authorities say they have arrested a Salem security guard in the fatal shooting of a 25-year-old man last weekend.

The Statesman Journal reports that police arrested 33-year-old Gregory Capwell on Friday in the death of Jose Francisco Moreno in the parking lot of a Best Western hotel July 22.

Investigators did not specify why they arrested Capwell, but said they conducted multiple interviews, reviewed video surveillance and consulted with prosecutors.

Officials with his employer, Homefront Security, a Salem-based security company, did not immediately return a call seeking

comment. It was not immediately clear if Capwell had obtained an attorney.

Capwell was previously arrested on fourth-degree assault, reckless driving and reckless endangerment charges in 2011. He was convicted of reckless driving, sentenced to two years of probation and ordered to attend anger management classes.

The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training lists him as having a reinstated professional certificate.

Man captured after brief escape from Roseburg jail

ROSEBURG (AP) — The Douglas County Sheriff’s Office says an inmate has been captured after escaping from its jail in Roseburg.

The sheriff’s office says 36-year-old Leonel Jimenez was apprehended about 90 minutes after he got out Thursday. He was found less than a mile from the jail. He’s charged with second-degree escape.

The News-Review reports that Jimenez had been arrested for nonviolent property crimes and was not considered a threat to the public.

The sheriff’s office says it will review its jail practices.

DA: Fatal police shooting of man, 70, was justified

EUGENE (AP) — A district attorney says Springfield police officers were justified in using deadly force against a 70-year-old man who was shot and killed last week.

Lane County District Attorney Patty Perlow says Robert Vaughan “made the choice that he was going to die that day,” and ensured police would use deadly force against him.

Vaughan fired a handgun three times

from his yard on July 18, prompting calls to police. He reportedly told a neighbor he wanted officers to come and kill him.

Vaughan was inside when officers arrived. He pointed a gun through his kitchen window, and three officers fired their weapons.

The Register-Guard reports the officers are scheduled to return to duty next week.

Vaughan attempted suicide less than three weeks before his death.

Dull, Boring and Bland communities forge international bond

(AP) — Dull, Scotland and Boring, Oregon, two small communities united by unexciting names, have joined forces with a third: Bland Shire, Australia.

Dull and Boring became sister communities in 2012, after a Scottish woman passed through the U.S. town on a cycling holiday. Officials say the relationship has boosted their profile.

Dull officials on Friday hosted the mayor of the region of Bland Shire, New South Wales, at a reception to celebrate the third member of a club dubbed the League of Extraordinary Communities.

Bland Shire and Boring are both named after early residents, William Bland and William Boring, while Dull’s name may come from a Gaelic word for meadow.

Boring has a population of about 10,000 while Bland Shire has about 6,000 people and Dull is a hamlet with just 84 occupants.

Dennis Melloy, provost of the Perth and Kinross region that’s home to Dull, said the relationship with Boring and Bland had “created a real feel-good factor for their communities with quirky names.”

And he said the alliance could expand. “We’ve found Ordinary and Dreary, both in America, and I think they could soon be part of it all,” he said.

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REGIONAL FORECAST. Coastal Oregon: Mostly sunny today; pleasant. Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly sunny and hot today. Mainly clear tonight. Mostly sunny and hot tomorrow. Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly sunny and hot today. Mainly clear tonight. Mostly sunny and hot tomorrow. Cascades: Plenty of sun today; pleasant across the north. Clear tonight. Plenty of sun tomorrow. Northern California: Sunny today; hot in central parts. Clear tonight.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Map of the United States showing weather systems and precipitation. National Summary: Rainy and cool conditions will linger across part of the mid-Atlantic and southern New England today. Storms will riddle the Southeast and Intermountain West. Most other areas can expect a dry day. Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 108° in Bullhead City, Ariz. Low 34° in Bodie State Park, Calif.

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