

## Post office searching for new home

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The U.S. Postal Service wants to find a new site for the Warrenton Post Office.

“The United States Postal Service is considering relocating the retail services currently provided at the (Warrenton) Post Office to a new location within the city limits ...,” Greg Shelton, real estate specialist for the agency wrote to the city of Warrenton. “The Postal Service is considering relocation because of a space deficiency in the current location.”

The 2,200-square-foot building stands on a 0.38-acre pieces of property at the hub of downtown Warrenton. It was built of concrete block in 1963, when John F. Kennedy was president.

The cramped quarters and minimal parking have been problematic for years for both postal workers and customers.

The issue came up during an August 2020 rally outside the Warrenton Post Office. U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and U.S. Rep Suzanne Bonamici, D-Ore., organized the rally to protest cuts to the U.S. Postal Service that had been proposed by President Donald Trump.

Bonamici vowed to help improve conditions for postal workers in Warrenton.

“This is a growing and vibrant community,”

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The Warrenton Post Office, dedicated in 1963, is deemed too cramped for both workers and patrons.

**Right:** U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden (green cap) and U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (to his right) during a rally at the post office a year ago.

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## Auto burglary ring strikes city

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Police are asking for the public’s help to locate those responsible for a string of vehicle thefts and break-ins across the city Tuesday morning.

The case began about 9 a.m., when the dispatch center received a report that several vehicles had been burglarized during the night at Pacific Rim Apartments on Snowberry Lane.

During the investigation, it was discovered a white Honda CR-V entered the parking lot at 4:45 a.m. and then several people are spotted on video surveillance entering various vehicles in the parking lot, according to a police report. A Toyota pickup in the parking lot that had damage also had been broken into.

“The owner of the truck was not a resident, so officers contacted him and he advised his truck should be at Rod’s Auto & Marine Repair” on Marlin Avenue, according to a press release.

The pickup had been stolen from the business earlier in the morning and driven to the apartments.

Another vehicle burglary occurred during the same timeframe at TJ’s

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## Clatsop County Fair opens with new thrills

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The 2021 Clatsop County Fair will be low-key and a bit, well, ordinary.

After a year that was anything but ordinary, this year’s fair offers a return to normal with plenty of animal exhibits, carnival games, food carts and live entertainment.

The fair begins Tuesday and runs through Saturday, with tickets \$5 for adults and children. Admission includes park-

ing.

After a year’s pause during the pandemic – as well as statewide restrictions on public gatherings – fairgrounds Operations Manager John Lewis says he expects a “relatively normal fair,” albeit with fewer live acts on the outdoor stage.

However, there will be a return to some beloved events that haven’t been held in a few years: mutton busting, a cutest-baby contest, diaper derby, antique

tractor display, and a vehicle rally on closing day.

As plans were being made, fair organizers were uncertain how many people would want to attend this year’s fair, so kept it a bit smaller, Lewis said. But clearly the public enthusiasm for Warrenton’s Fourth of July Parade shows people are ready to enjoy themselves again.

Other activities at the facility have picked up, too. Birthday

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Courtesy Clatsop County Fair

A youngster tries mutton busting at a prior county fair.