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Copper-wire sculpture by Joe Police at the North Fifth Street turnaround in Cannon Beach as seen in Monday morning's snow. The statue was created in memory of former Cannon Beach Mayor Joe Police, who designed the sculpture. His artist wife completed the work in his memory. Sacagawea, guide for the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery Expedition, points to the ocean. She is flanked by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Her husband, Toussaint Charbonneau, sits at her feet.
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New site gains interest for city hall

Property near RV Park added to list

By **R.J. MARX**
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The ongoing quest for a new city hall added a new potential site to the list.

The City Council wants to ask voters later this year to approve a bond that would pay for a new City Hall.

In January, city councilors heard members of the public advocate pro and con for two potential sites on Gower, a 5-acre buildable area on Spruce Street, and on the 55-acre South Wind site, an area of the city intended for future development outside of the tsunami inundation zone, a conversation continued Wednesday night at a council work session.

Added to the mix of land under review for the new city hall was a 3.5-acre parcel north of the RV Park, part of 10 upland acres owned by the city.

COST CONCERNS

Even plans at the lower end of the spectrum could draw public concern, audience members said.

Members of the public sought ways to keep costs down to meet concerns of elderly and fixed income residents.

"Please give us a break from unnecessary costs to address this situation the community faces," Jan Siebert-Wahrmund said. "Let's do what we can to live lightly on this land we call our home."

With increased taxes as a result of the Seaside School District new campus bond and the county bond for a new jail, the estimated \$16 million projected cost may just be a price tag too, resident Jim Litherland told members of the council.

"If you put a \$16 million bond issue on the ballot, it's going to be talked about in every bar, in every church, the American Legion, and any place else people gather," Litherland said. "And it's going to go down in flames. I think there are other alternatives that cost a lot less money.... If you got 20 percent of the vote on this, I'd be amazed."

Access to the property at 345 Elk Creek Road comes through Haskell Street, separating a neighborhood and RV sites, City Manager Bruce St. Denis said. The city could configure a design for a 1-acre, one-story City Hall and still leave space for neighboring RV sites.

The area is at an elevated of 45 feet, and is judged to be able

to withstand an "extra-large-size tsunami."

The site, once considered as a possible location of Cannon Beach Elementary School and other public facilities, received a site review in 1996. In the report, geotechnical engineers presented

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In the aftermath of the big one, Oregon Coast will receive supplies via the sea

By **BRENNA VISSER**
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Starting this winter, emergency managers will work with the Navy to find locations on the Oregon Coast where supplies can be landed after a major earthquake and tsunami.

The project came out of the Cascadia Rising exercise in 2016, which highlighted issues the coast would likely experience trying to resupply after a disaster. Most roads to the coast will likely be damaged and almost all airports — including the Astoria Regional Airport in Warrenton — are in the tsunami inundation zone.

"One of our challenges is the location of our airport," said Tiffany Brown, the Clatsop County emergency manager. "We have very limited real estate with that kind of planning in mind."

Clatsop and Lincoln counties

are the first to work with the Navy and the Oregon Military Department to identify and map out landing sites on beaches. Initially, the military's job would be to bring fuel and public works equipment on an amphibious type of hovercraft.

Eventually, the vessels could bring other supplies, like food and water.

Though finding a way to get supplies to the coast by sea has been talked about for years, the project is the first formal planning effort.

"I think we've all understood for some time that ship-to-shore deliveries would be key to effective response and recovery for those of us on the coast, so to have a tangible planning effort in front of us to back up those assumptions is beyond encouraging," Brown said.

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Genesis Campuzano, Kimberly Olvera, Valentina Rodriguez (background) Leticia Campos in technology class.

Cannon Beach Academy marks school choice week

By **RITA GOLDFARB**
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The Cannon Beach Academy was one of more than 40,000 events nationwide to celebrate the unique needs and opportunities school choice provides students during School Choice Week, Jan. 20-26.

Since its opening in 2017, academy has offered a program combining the core knowledge sequence for social studies and science with direct instruction for reading, language, and mathematics. Curriculum also includes art, technology, music, Spanish language instruction, health and physical education.

School Choice Week featured 328 events and activities across Oregon, including open house events at schools, school fairs and other celebrations.

Celebrated since 2011, National School Choice Week is nonpartisan and nonpolitical, and it is not related to any legislative advocacy campaign.