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Dorothy Wing listens via video link during her arraignment in Clatsop County Circuit Court Jan. 2. Wing, the mother of the 2-year-old girl who died in Seaside Dec. 20, is facing charges of murder by abuse, manslaughter and criminal mistreatment.

Mother, friend plead not guilty to murder

More charges have been filed in the death of Evangelina Wing, 2

By Kyle Spurr
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A Seaside mother and her live-in boyfriend pleaded not guilty Jan. 2 to charges accusing the couple of murdering the woman's 2-year-old daughter at their home Dec. 20.

Dorothy Ann Wing, 24, and Randy Lee Roden, 26, appeared via video link from Clatsop County Jail for an arraignment in Clatsop County Circuit Court.



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Conor Huseby, Randy Lee Roden's defense attorney, listens during Roden's arraignment in Clatsop County Circuit Court Jan. 2.

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City plans to harvest timber in watershed

Goal is to accumulate more watershed property

By Katherine Lacaze
Seaside Signal

The city of Seaside plans to harvest 50 to 60 acres of timber from its property in the watershed of the Necanicum River's south fork in order to buy more watershed property.

"We have been looking around at opportunities to increase our ownership of the watershed," said Seaside Public Works Director Neal Wallace. "To be quite frank, there is only one way to raise additional funds to purchase land, and that is through the (city's Watershed Enhancement Fund). ... We feel this is a good place to start."

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The city of Seaside plans to harvest timber from about 50 to 60 acres of timber from its property in the watershed for the Necanicum River's south fork. The city is contracting with consulting forester Mark Dreyer who will contract with a logging company to clear cut nearly 50 acres in one area, the edge of which is pictured above, and about 10 acres in another area. The city selected the two areas because they're removed from the main body of the Necanicum River and the project should clean up a large boundary edge while requiring virtually no major road building.

SEEDS OF CHANGE



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Karla Gann, managing director of the South County Community Food Bank, prepares volunteer Chuck Carlson for his weekly bread run to Safeway for the food pantry. Except for an electrical inspection and a little more organizing, the food bank was on the verge of being operational last week. The opening date was scheduled for Jan. 7.

Food pantry opens its new permanent site

By Katherine Lacaze
Seaside Signal

The South County Community Food Bank heralded the new year with a transition that marks both an end and a beginning for the Seaside nonprofit organization.

It's the end of a years'-long search for a permanent site for the food pantry and the beginning of an era in the pantry's new building.

For Managing Director Karla Gann, reaching this finish line is a relief, especially after it kept creeping farther away for several months.

"It's been stressful for me," she said.

The stress came from having to juggle patrons' needs at the food bank's temporary site and still oversee the start-up at the new site.

"This time it feels good, because we know we don't have to do this all again for a very long time," she said.

Pending a successful electrical inspection Tuesday, the food bank's new permanent site at 2041 N. Roosevelt Drive was scheduled to open this week.

Crews of volunteers spent the past several weeks moving equipment and food from the pantry's temporary location, at the former Coastal Research & Maintenance building, to the new, 2,100-square-foot building north of the Seaside School District's bus barn. RM Russell Construction completed final touches on the building. The pantry passed a plumbing inspection last week.

The pantry closed its temporary site, which the organization rented for several months from Bank of the Pacific, at the end of December. Volunteers distributed food from a truck outside the new building in the interim before obtaining an occupancy permit.

Long time coming

The food bank's board of directors discussed the need for a new building for several years and started seriously pursuing the idea more than two years ago. When the property where the previous food pantry stood was sold, the pantry board was forced to find an alternative. The Seaside School District donated two portable classrooms from the former Cannon Beach Elementary School.

With about \$65,000 in hand, the board in June launched its operational and capital fundraising campaign, themed "Imagine a Community Without Hunger." The organization received several donations and grants. Community organizations, including the American Legion Post 99 and the Seaside Rotary Club, held fundraisers benefiting the food pantry. Businesses and individuals donated about \$100,000 in in-kind services.

"It goes on and on and on as far as how people have come through," said board member Mary Blake.

The food pantry exceeded its goal, raising about \$210,000, in addition to the initial \$65,000 and in-kind donations. Blake said the board was on budget for the roughly \$350,000 project, which included buying the land, retrofitting the portable buildings and buying some new equipment. An open house will be held soon to recognize contributors.

Resuming operations

Last year, the pantry distributed thousands of pounds of food to an average of 470 families a month.

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South County Community Food Bank volunteer Adrienne Panzer sorts through bottles of shampoo, soap and mouth wash to stock the shelves at the food pantry's new location on North Roosevelt Drive north of the Seaside School District bus barn. Panzer is one of numerous volunteers who have worked during the past few weeks to get the food bank's new site operational by Jan. 7.

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Cub Scouts honor deceased veterans with boughs

Local pack places swags at headstones in cemetery

By Katherine Lacaze
Seaside Signal

Seaside's local Cub Scouts made sure veterans weren't overlooked this holiday season by placing handmade hemlock swags at the headstone of each veteran buried in the Evergreen Cemetery.

About a dozen members of Pack 540 crafted the simple but elegant swags during their last den meeting and at the group's Christmas party in mid-December. Immediately after the party, Scouts and their families went to the cemetery, south of Seaside east of U.S. Highway 101, to

place the decorations.

"We want the boys to learn good citizenship, and part of that is honoring the people that have come before them and been good citizens, and certainly some of them have paid a lot higher price than others," said Pack 540 Committee Chairwoman Laurie Kautz.

Using a map provided by Stan Gandy, scoutmaster for Troop 642 and a member of Seaside's American Legion Post 99, the boys and their families identified the graves of about 90 veterans buried in the cemetery.

Kautz said it is typical for the Cub and Boy Scouts to place flags at the veterans' headstones for Memorial Day. She decided to do something similar for the

Local Cub Scouts, from left, Hunter Kautz, Julian Bannon and Angel Bannon help place swags on the headstones of veterans buried in Seaside's Evergreen Cemetery. Pack 540 members handmade the swags during their den meeting and holiday party in December and then went to the cemetery with their families to place them on the headstones.

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holidays.

While wreaths are more common for veterans' gravesites, Kautz opted for a simpler variation so the first- through fifth-grade Cub Scouts could do the project with little help from the adult leaders.

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