

Museum helps to preserve logging heritage

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An 'excellent example' of volunteerism

Another addition this year was a new sheltered announcer's stand, built by Jonas McKinley, 30, owner of Smart Sustainable Solutions, a Seaside-based construction company. McKinley, who moved to Oregon from Pennsylvania about 8 years ago and is a carpenter by trade, worked multiple hours per week for about a month to create the stand. All of his time was donated, in addition to materials for the facility. He doesn't have a personal connection to the logging industry, according to the Standley and several of McKinley's friends, but when the need was presented to him, he "jumped in there with both feet," Standley said, adding, "He just went out of his way to help this project out."

Since the event requires a sound system, it was important to have a sheltered announcer's stand to protect equipment in case of inclement weather, Standley said. The museum and the memorial are both dependent on volunteer work, donations and community spirit, and "Jonas is an excellent example of that," Standley said.

While many have poured their time and effort into the project, "Jonas stands out and I don't know why he did this," Standley said. "It's just something he felt he wanted to do."

Alex Richardson, McKinley's friend, said that's just who he is: "He'll put someone else before himself."

"Ever since I've known him, he's always been willing to put his time out to help other people," she said.

The perfect pair

The Camp 18 Logging Museum, a nonprofit corporation, has been around



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A new edition as this year's Camp 18 Logger's Memorial Dedication and Logging Exhibition was an announcer's stand, recently built by 30-year-old Jonas McKinley, a business owner and craftsman from Seaside. Although McKinley does not have a personal connection to the logging industry in Oregon, he donated numerous hours to build the stand.

for several decades and is dedicated to the assimilation and preservation of logging history, according to the Camp 18 website. The memorial was added to the museum about six years ago. When it first opened, it was intended only for Oregon loggers, but it soon became apparent Washington loggers needed a place to be memorialized, as well, Standley said.

Some slabs at the museum are dedicated to people who died in logging accidents, while other slabs include those who passed away for other reasons after committing their life to the industry. According to the most recent data from the Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Administration, anywhere from three to seven people died in logging accidents per year from 2006 to 2013.

Anywhere from 224 to 385 claims for disabling injuries resulting from accidents also were accepted during those years, and that doesn't include accidents that weren't accepted by workers compensation insurers and non-disabling or denied claims.

In order for an individual to be included in the memorial, they had to have worked in or served the logging industry for a majority of their life. For instance, Standley is a fifth-generation logger, and plaques for several of his family members hang in the memorial, as do those for other people whose families are well-known in the industry.

One family, the Buschs, lost two sons to logging accidents: Mike Busch in 1983 and Mark Busch in 1998. One corner of the museum is dedicated to

them. In another corner hang photos, plaques and newspaper articles for Bob Teevin and his son, Jeff, who both lost their lives in logging accidents at ages 31 and 25, respectively. Relatively small numerical differences between birth and death dates are not uncommon at the memorial, although most people were able to experience multiple seasons of life.

"The museum and memorial both mean a lot to the logging industry," Standley said.

He told the story of a man named Bob Betz, who died in anonymity. It wasn't until a while later someone in Washington recognized him as "Banjo Bob" because he often was seen carrying and playing his instrument. It was an identifying aspect of a man about whom little else was remembered, but now Betz's name per-

manently adorns one of the plaques on the wall.

"If this wasn't here," Standley said of the memorial, "no one would know the story of Bob Betz."

Remarks left in the comment book at the facility also reveal the significance of the memorial to those who visit it. "Thanks for preserving memories," one comment reads. Another states, "great memorial with lots of insight into the world of logging life."

The challenge now is that they are running out of room and are hesitant to get rid of anything. One option is to reduce some of the larger tributes in the memorial building to the standard size. More importantly, plans are underway to create another 40-by-60-foot, two-story building on the same property.

"It's inevitable we have to have a new building

because this one's getting full," Standley said.

The new building will include a library to host an extensive collection of books left behind by a logger and space for other such memorabilia, as well as a kitchenette. He expects the new facility will be used primarily for physical mementos and the old building will be reserved for the plaques and small photos of each person being honored.

The museum has raised more than \$50,000 for the new building, but they are in need of other donations, Standley said. His plan is to obtain permits from Clatsop County after putting on the dedication and exhibition.

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Council puts off amendment to ban dispensaries downtown

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the ordinance. Marquis, according to the letter, believes many people without qualifying medical conditions are obtaining marijuana through the medical program. The letter also posed the question of how much market saturation Clatsop County can handle. According to the health authority's website, Astoria has three facilities licensed to sell marijuana to cardholders. No other surrounding cities have licensed dispensaries. Clatsop County had 676 patient registrants, as of April 1.

Mark Tolan, owner of Seaside Vacation Homes, restated concerns he previously voiced at council's April 27 meeting. He doesn't believe there is any legislation requiring municipalities to grant business licenses for medical marijuana dispensaries.

"Marijuana doesn't make this city safer," he said, adding, "The consequences of this drug is addiction."

The legislation, he believes, is a public statement the council doesn't trust the medical bodies that influence federal public health policies, which currently label marijuana a Schedule I drug. The council should not feel obligated, he said, to legalize and license medical marijuana dispensaries just because of the forward progress made so far. Banning dispensaries, he added, would not tread on the rights of an Oregonian to do what they want in their own home but "keeps the industry of addiction out of our town."

Tiffany Williams, of Astoria, countered she believes locally legalizing medical marijuana dispensaries will actually help mitigate the black market.

"It would be an improvement," she said. "You would not make things worse."

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City Councilor Dana Phillips

Lois Larson, Don Larson's wife, spoke as a private citizen and expressed apprehension about allowing a dispensary in the downtown core. Many of the councilors expressed a similar concern. Councilor Jay Barber suggested crafting an amendment that would restrict dispensaries from operating within the boundaries of the city's Downtown Maintenance District, which expands from Roosevelt Drive, along Broadway and Avenue A to the Turnaround. City Attorney Dan Van Thiel said if the council were to approve the amendment at the meeting, he would advise entirely starting the process over, so the public could provide feedback on the ordinance with that amendment.

Councilor Tita Montero said they could pass the ordinance now, and then immediately start work on the amendment. Based on state and, potentially, local restrictions, a facility can only operate in three or four places in town, she pointed out.

Phillips, along with Larson, voted against passing the legislation. Phillips voiced concern that neither the council nor the Seaside Planning Commission got input from Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham to hear his thoughts.

"We cannot make a hasty decision about this, because we're setting a precedent," she said.

The City Council cannot pass an amendment on the

ordinance until it goes into effect, but they directed city staff to start preparing a draft ordinance so it can be considered once 30 days have passed.

Steve Geiger, whose business Highway 420 on South Roosevelt Drive is registered as a medical marijuana dispensary with the state, thanked the council members for the work they had done mulling over the topic, taking public comment and approving an ordinance.

At the meeting, council also passed a resolution establishing a fee for medical marijuana dispensary license applications and background checks. The fee for the person who applies for the license and is legally responsible for the facility is \$100 and each additional employee or volunteer will be charged \$50 for their application and background check.

In other news: • The council unanimously approved a proclamation declaring May 17 through 23 as Emergency Medical Services Week, with a theme of EMS Strong, and encouraging the community to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

• The council unanimously approved an ordinance that extends the terms of the assessment district for economic improvement, known as the Downtown Maintenance District and repealing all ordinances in conflict. The cost of the district is estimated to be \$92,051 annually and the properties within the district have to pay approximately \$8.84 per front foot. The council plans to hold a workshop Aug. 31 to discuss the district's boundaries and whether to make concessions for certain groups, such as nonprofit agencies.

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