

Barn decision delayed

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Bowman said he had received similar reports of violations or activities at the barn at least six times within the past year.

Steve Osterlund, owner of Coastal Landscape in Gearhart and Seaside, described a wedding-for-landscape services barter deal at Neacoxie Barn. There was no cash fee, he said, but he provided work and at least "one or two" employees at \$60 per hour in exchange for the wedding fee.

Seaside's Harper was described her encounter with Smith when making preparations for her grandson's wedding. "I did an Internet search to find a business that had wedding venues in the area," Harper said.

Harper submitted a copy of an unsigned contract provided by Smith. "She said, 'It's normally \$2,400, \$2,100 for locals,' and I was a local," Harper said.

When Harper offered to give Smith a check to book the facility, Smith insisted funds be deposited via PayPal.

Because of this and health and safety concerns, Harper chose another venue for her grandson's wedding, she said.

Land use decision could have relevance

An April decision by the state's Land Use Board of Appeals added a layer of confusion to the citation hearing.

The city presented arguments that Smith's conditional use permit had lapsed after several extensions over a period of several years.

Smith claimed that the conditional use permit is "what is called alive and valid upon remand."

Smith said a conditional use permit was still pending, and she could "trigger it" at any time by appearing before the city's planning commission. "LUBA has not put a time frame for me to do that," she said.

Smith said she declined further commission review because the political climate in Gearhart was "not right" for such a hearing.

"It's my understanding that I can wait to determine the political environment in my city, and LUBA could sit there and I could wait to trigger the actual hearing," Smith said.

Decision delayed

More than four hours after the start of the court hearing, Orr postponed a decision, but not before laying out his thought process.

"At the end of the day, I'm looking at a properly admitted document that discusses a pretty active commercial event building and facility for weddings, vow renewals, corporate picnics, anniversaries, class reunions and family reunions," Orr said. "Not exactly in my mind as having a temperament of a residential quality. I'm also persuaded this is an ongoing commercial rather than residential quality because in the contract there was an evidence of discussion and negotiation between Marcia Harper and the defendant."

He said the landscaping trade with Osterlund "sounded like barter."

"He had to pay his employees, I assume they didn't do it for free," Orr said. "Just because money doesn't change hands, there's a trade. It does seem the defendant was running a business for profit."

Orr held the court record open for two weeks so legal arguments can be made regarding how the land use opinion "has significance or lacks significance in the court's accurate ruling."

"If the city didn't rule because it was waiting for the LUBA opinion to come back, and that acted to slow down Ms. Smith's permit or occupancy permit or request for a conditional use permit, I would need to know that," Orr said. "I want to make the right decision legally as well as factually."

As for Harper, after the hearing she said that she had found another location for her grandson's wedding. "We're going to Camp 18," she said. "They have bathrooms there."

Great white suspected in shark attack

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With a bite more than a foot wide, Burke said the shark could be in the 15 to 17-foot range. Fifteen feet is average. Boothe noted the sea lion's bite was slightly greater than a foot by a foot and a half. The other animals had similar sized bites.

"It's hard to put an exact estimate on it," Burke said, "but I would say larger than 12 feet."

Sharks can go months without eating, Burke added, so one shark or several may be attacking these animals.

In the past, Seaside Fire & Rescue's Lifeguard Program has put up warning signs in response to similar incidents, but didn't do so for the recent attacks. Cpt. Dave Rankin said some beach visitors asked lifeguards about the incidents, and they passed on information received from the Seaside Aquarium.

In general, Rankin said, lifeguards focus on disseminating information on policies and procedure, rather than enforcement.

In any case, the lifeguard program on Seaside beaches ended for the season Sept. 13.

Boothe said their main goal was to increase public awareness of a shark threat. She advises those who surf in the area to avoid doing so at dawn or dusk when there's poor lighting, or during a large diatom bloom which may make the local ocean water murky. In those conditions, sharks may mistake a person in a wet suit for an animal.

Burke also suggested avoiding popular fishing spots and areas where large marine animals haulout.

"I don't think people should be paranoid," he said. "What we're seeing is a healthy response to a healthy marine population. It's the sign of a healthy system."

Katherine Lacaze contributed to this report.

Find a stranded marine mammal?

Reporting marine mammal strandings promptly is the best way you can help stranded animals. Even dead animals provide a valuable opportunity for wildlife professionals to study marine mammals. The Marine Stranding Network asks the public call 800-452-7888, the Oregon State Police Tipline or 541-270-6830, the Oregon State University Stranding cell phone.

According to the network, marine mammals are protected by federal law. It is illegal for unauthorized persons to disturb, handle, or feed them.

If you do see a stranded marine mammal, take a digital photo but take safety first. These are wild animals and they can bite. Many carry diseases that can be transmitted to humans or pets.

• Keep people and dogs away.

• Observe and report identification such as color, size and vocalization; condition, alive, dead, injured or entangled; tags, if any; and location, making note of landmarks and beach accessibility. Seals are tagged on hind flipper, sea lions on foreflipper.

• If you find a live cetacean, provide supportive care, protect animal from harsh wind or sun. Dig trenches for pectoral flippers and rinse any sand out of eyes. Keep the area quiet, and make sure the animal is not too hot or too cold. Keep live cetaceans cool and moist by covering them with wet towels (if available) or gently pouring water on them. But be very careful not to cover or pour water down the blowhole (on top of the head).

• Report strandings of all live cetaceans.

Increase due to 'a combination of everything'

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In June 2014, the occupancy rate across Clatsop County was 70.2 percent. In June 2015, the rate grew to 74.6 percent for the month, according to Smith Travel Research. Through its partnership with Travel Oregon, the Seaside Visitors Bureau receives monthly reports with data from the research organization.

The Clatsop County occupancy rate for January through June 2015 was 57 percent, compared to 52.8 percent for 2014. The average daily room rate in the county for the first six months in 2014 was \$109; in 2015, through June, the rate was \$117. For the month of June, the average daily rate across the county in 2014 was \$123. In 2015, the average daily rate was \$138.

Numbers for Seaside were not broken out from county data.

Rahl said the simple explanation for the increased



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Smaller inns like the Hillcrest are contributing to Seaside's record tourism tax revenue.

occupancy "a combination of everything," from the mild winter and dry summer to improved marketing strategies. The city's tourism traffic is heavily dependent on weather.

"It's hard to pin it on one thing," Rahl said.

Russ Vandenberg, general manager of the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, said they also are seeing positive effects of the increased consumer confidence in travel and tourism.

The convention center does not see immediate variations in annual event days because the scheduling is done three to four years in advance. The center is planning to open the reservation calendars for the years 2020-25 because of "increased demand for space," Vandenberg said.

State legislation passed in 2003 mandates at least 70 percent of lodging tax must go back into tourism-related facilities or tourism promotion. For Seaside, 20.1 per-

Room rates on the rise in Seaside

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cent goes to the Visitors Bureau and 51.1 percent goes to the Seaside Civic and Convention Center, with 5.1 percent dedicated to capital improvements.

Public safety gets 18.9 percent of bed tax revenue, and the remaining 9.9 percent goes toward general capital improvements and maintenance. Promenade improvements, emergency readiness and the Public Works Department.

Former SHS students to be honored in ceremony on Sept. 26

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The current categories for recognition include student athletes, meritorious service, career accomplishments, arts/science, team membership and military service. Candidates must meet various criteria. For instance, they must be alumni, who have been out of school at least five years; they must be supporters, sponsors, coaches or other individuals or educators in the Seaside community who supported and advanced Seaside students; or they must be teams or individuals who

earned state championships or recognition.

"I think it's viewed as an honor, it really is," Bandonis said. "We all strive to do the best we can. It's nice to be recognized."

The group formerly conducted an induction ceremony each year; in 2011, they changed to only hold the ceremony every other year. The 10-person selection committee includes Bandonis, Jim Auld, Tom Maltman, Sheila Roley, James Folk, Larry Elliott, Stubby Lyons, Gene Gilbertson, Wally Hamer and Donna Sunell. After gener-

ating a list of nominees, the board votes on each nomination to determine if that person, team or business will be inducted.

The committee may expand its membership or ask for inductee suggestions in the future, Bandonis said.

"I'm sure there are a lot of people out there who should be inducted who have not been," he said.

There is no cap on how many people can be inducted every other year.

"We want to honor as many people as are deserving," Bandonis said.

While the highlight of the Hall of Fame induction is the banquet, the event is accompanied by other activities during the weekend. Traditionally, the selection committee will announce the new inductees during half-time at the Friday football game the night before the banquet.

Another addition made in 2013 was for a group of past and present inductees to give lectures at Seaside High School during the school day before the ceremony.

On Friday, Sept. 25, 11 speakers will hold sessions at

the high school; students may choose which sessions to attend based on their interests. The speakers include Seaside graduates Jill Gann; Polly Campbell; Ben Archibald; Ed Johnson; Jordan Lewis; Becky Olson; Dan Clark; Michelle Hawken Wunderlich; Kellie Truax Taylor; Karl Marlantes; and Jorjette Strumme.

Bandonis said it can be inspirational for the students to hear from successful individuals who once sat where they now sit and participated in the same sorts of activities, studies and sports.

"We try to get it early in

the school year to get the students fired up," he said.

The cost to attend the dinner is \$20 for general admission or \$10 for children 12 years and younger. The price covers the cost of the dinner, and remaining proceeds go to fund two \$500 Hall of Fame Scholarships awarded every year in the memory of Bob Mork.

To reserve a dinner ticket, call James Folk at (503) 956-1670. Nominations to the Hall of Fame may be made in writing to the Hall of Fame Committee and sent to P.O. Box 2101 Gearhart, OR 97138.

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