

Time to get our heads out from under the sand

I recently attended the disaster preparedness meeting conducted by State of Oregon that was sponsored by the City of Astoria. This meeting was well attended and was covered by the Seaside Signal. The potential Cascadia 9.0 earthquake and 80 foot tsunami with a 40 percent chance of happening in the next 50 years was, understandably, the subject of most audience's interest.

Because it is not directly on the coast, Astoria is more concerned about the impact of the earthquake than the tsunami. Residents were shocked to hear that the impact of the earthquake alone is likely to generate landslides, which will cut off any road access to the entire north coast for months. It is also expected that power transmission lines servicing the North Coast will be downed for at least a year and that local water, sewer and road bridges will be nonfunctional for many months.

North Coast beach communities could suffer these same impacts plus the devastating impacts of a tsunami. Based on geological research, major

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tsunamis have occurred 41 times in Seaside with an average occurrence every 300 years. Our last seaside tsunami occurred over 300 years ago as documented by records kept by the Japanese. The 15 minutes between a Cascadia fault earthquake and the arrival of a tsunami will allow many Seaside residents and visitors to reach high ground on foot (any motorized escape is unlikely because of gridlock and bridge failures). If you are south of Avenue I, you can probably reach a safe height on Sunset Drive on Tillamook Head by a quick walk. If you are east of Neawanna Creek, you can reach high ground by a quick walk going east on Cooper, Broadway or Lewis and Clark.

If you are north of Avenue I and west of the creek, your escape will involve crossing either the creek or

the river or both. Existing city bridges as well as Highway 101 bridges are not presently designed to survive a strong earthquake like Cascadia. It is unlikely that earthquake victims in the major portion of Seaside can reach safety regardless of what the city or state evacuation route map presently describes because these escape routes and the siren system were designed to work with a distant tsunami from Hawaii or Alaska. For the majority of Seaside residents and visitors in a local Cascadia earthquake and tsunami, these routes are nothing more than a pipe dream. What is required is a vertical escape parking structure next to the convention center, but this has been deleted by the City of Seaside.

The school district will propose again that property owners pony up \$100 million to acquire land, develop new infrastructure and rebuild schools above the tsunami inundation zone. But students only spend a small portion of their time in school and most actually live in homes that are within the tsunami inundation area. Is this the

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best use for scarce resources to provide safety? With half the investment the new safe schools could be built above Seaside Heights Elementary School parking lot, but the school board has deleted this alternative.

The City of Seaside is going to spend millions to rebuild the Avenue U Bridge across the river. A quick look at a city map will illustrate that the Avenue U Bridge is totally useless in a Cascadia tsunami evacuation. Anyone west of the bridge would be much closer to safety by proceeding to Sunset Blvd., up to Tillamook Head. Is this the best use for scarce resources? Wouldn't a better use of this money

be to make our other existing bridges, which are essential for the safety of residents and visitors, to survive a major earthquake?

The City of Seaside may expand the Seaside Civic and Convention Center without any additional parking or without any consideration of state law that requires design features to mitigate tsunami impacts. The City of Seaside has spent countless public hearings and consultant fees to expand the boundaries of the city to handle future growth, but all the population data for the last six to seven years shows that there has been no growth at all in population; and other than pot shops and thrift shops, most local commercial needs are being met by the expansion of the regional shopping complex in Warrenton. The list can go on and on. Do you, the voters and taxpayers, really want this type of local government or do you just want to keep your heads buried in the sand?

John Dunzer is a candidate for Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, District 2.

OBITUARIES

Steven Lee Wucherpfennig

Dec. 10, 1948 — June 8, 2016



Steven Wucherpfennig

It is with great sadness that the family of Steve Wucherpfennig announces his passing on the morning of June 8, 2016, at the age of 67. He spent his last earthly days enjoying a bowl of popcorn, a Diet Coke, and had his family at his side.

Steve will be lovingly remembered by the love of his life and wife of almost 40 years, Sharon, whom he met in Fairbanks, and was married at the Santa Claus House in North Pole, Alaska. He will also be greatly missed by his children, Christy Wucherpfennig and Leesa Wright, and son-in-law Jim Wright. Papa will also be remembered fondly for his jokes and silly nature by his grandchildren, Mia and EJ Wright. Steve is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Dave, Chuck, Ann, Theresa, Julie and Pat.

Steve started his journey to become a long-standing and well-loved member of the Seaside community when he moved here in 1983 to manage the Sprouse Ritz store. From there he worked in various roles and was involved in the Elks Club, as well as the American Legion.

He always had a smile, sarcastic joke, and/or laugh for anyone who crossed his path.

Steve is a spirit that will be truly missed by all of his family and friends. He worked hard to provide and care for his family, and loved them all the way through to his last breath and beyond. However, his love and jokes will be carried on by his family, friends, and everyone who was blessed to know him.

His family will be holding a celebration of life from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, July 17, at the Seaside American Legion.

Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. Go to www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.

Prentice L. 'Bill' Wallace

Nov. 6, 1925 — Feb. 7, 2016



Prentice "Bill" Wallace

Prentice L. "Bill" Wallace was born on Nov. 6, 1925, in Portland, Oregon. He passed away on Feb. 7, 2016, in Seaside, Oregon.

Bill spent many years in the service of the U.S. Navy, attaining the rank of commander. He was extremely proud of his military service.

After retiring from a long career in public education, Bill and his wife, Donna, owned and operated an oceanfront motel in Cannon Beach, Oregon. Many of their guests became lifelong friends. After again retiring in 1980, Bill and Donna enjoyed many travel adventures in the U.S. and abroad.

Bill was an avid golfer who took pride in his golf trophy collection and the hole-in-one he got on his 69th birthday. He enjoyed woodworking projects, making a number of furniture pieces for the family. We remember with some humor how his little red rowboat — so carefully constructed in the basement — barely made it up the narrow stairway to enjoy the light of day.

Bill is survived by

daughters Cathy Wallace, Sandra Iovanne and Wendy Intiso; sons-in-law Tom Iovanne and Patrick Intiso; six grandchildren; and four great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna, in 2006.

Interment for both Bill and Donna will be at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon, on Sept. 16, 2016, at 11 a.m.

Memorials in honor of Bill's life may be made to Lower Columbia Hospice, 2111 Exchange St., Astoria, OR 97103, or to a charity of your choice.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. And online guest book may be signed at www.caldwellsmortuary.com

Mary Doty Anderson

May 6, 1931 — June 3, 2016



Mary Anderson

Mary Doty Anderson was the daughter of Marion Barney Sr. and Ruth Barney, and sister of Marion Barney Jr. and Robert Barney. Both brothers preceded Mary in death.

Mary loved books and was an avid reader. She is the only daughter of one of the first pioneer families in Oregon, and she is listed in the book "Who's Who in Oregon."

Mary is survived by her husband, Jack; two sons, Richard Doty and Steven

Doty; and two grandchildren, Daniel Doty and Katy Doty.

LETTERS

Chisolm Center refresh is worth supporting

The Bob Chisolm Community Center in Seaside is in the process of raising \$80,000 for the Main Hall Refresh Project.

The building is an essential part of our community and we are keeping the beautiful glulam beams, as well as the tongue in groove ceiling. This old girl desperately needs updated lighting, flooring, wall coverings and window treatments so she will be able to accommodate the next generation of events, meetings, classes, parties and weddings — big or small.

We are reaching out to our generous community for their help. Your donation is tax-deductible and checks can be made payable to Sunset Park & Recreation Foundation, PO Box 514, Seaside, Oregon 97138. Donors of \$500 or more will have their name engraved on a bronze leaf of the Donor Recognition Tree that will be permanently displayed in the main hall after the renovation.

I have had the privilege of serving on the nine-member Community Center commission since 1991 with our last update to the building in 1995. This building deserves to be a compliment to our community and the surrounding rental facilities.

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