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Police blocked Whispering Pines Drive at times during the standoff.

Man emerges after three-day standoff

Brian Wallin, 49, in custody after weapons, animal abuse charges

By Jack Heffernan and R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

A nearly 64-hour standoff between police and an armed man on Whispering Pines Drive ended shortly after 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14. The stalemate ended when Brian Wallin, 49,

told police he was scared and wanted to come outside. Soon after, Wallin emerged from the home on Whispering Pines Drive and surrendered. While searching the house, police found the family dog dead.

Wallin was taken to Providence Seaside Hospital for evaluation. He remained hospitalized under police watch until Sunday evening, when he was released and transported to Clatsop County Jail.

On Tuesday, Jan. 20, Wallin was arraigned

on multiple charges of unlawful use of a weapon and one charge of aggravated animal abuse. Both charges are recognized as felonies.

Response

The incident began Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 4:21 p.m. when Seaside Police received a call stating there were "shooters inside" the home. Seaside Police, accompanied by Oregon State

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★★ ANNUAL SEASIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AWARDS BANQUET ★★

IT TAKES A HERO



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Cpt. Gordon Houston presents Doug Roberts with a special recognition award during the annual Seaside Fire and Rescue Awards Banquet held Jan. 14.

Firefighters are honored at dinner, awards

By Katherine Lacaze
For Seaside Signal

Without the dedication and efforts of Seaside Fire and Rescue's volunteers, the department would not be capable of providing the same quantity and quality of fire service to the community on the city's budget that it currently does.

"I think the average citizen in Seaside has no idea of the level of commitment each of you have made to make fire service in Seaside what it is," said Mayor Jay Barber during

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Doug Roberts, Katie Bulletset, Evan Edwards and Cpt. Gordon Houston lead the Seaside Fire and Rescue department in call response during 2016. Roy Dague (not pictured) also was in the top five.

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Applicants wanted for city council

Councilors sworn in, vacancy remains

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

There were some new seating arrangements at the Seaside City Council meeting Monday, Jan. 9.

At the far left, former planning commissioner Tom Horning was the newest councilor. On the other end, a vacant council seat remained awaiting a replacement for Mayor Jay Barber, who was appointed to the city's top spot in December after the death of former Mayor Don Larson.

City Manager Mark Winstanley administered the oath of office Monday night to two returning councilors, Randy Frank and Seth Morrissey, and one new one, Horning.

Tita Montero, the senior member of the council, was nominated and unanimously elected council president.

At his first meeting Horning reiterated a goal put forth during his campaign: enhanced tsunami preparedness.

"One of the things I've noticed since the election is that people are coming out of the woodwork from all over," Horning said. "Everybody's focusing very much toward tsunami preparedness and I think there's a great opportunity for Seaside to lead the rest of the Coast toward a high level of preparedness."

With an opening to fill, councilors invited residents of Ward 1 to apply for the seat formerly occupied by Barber. Barber had served two years of his four-year council term.

Applicants must live in Seaside's Ward 1 and have resided in the city for at least one year. Candidates must submit a written questionnaire and gather at least 10 supporting signatures from Ward 1 residents.

A 30-day filing deadline is expected, Winstanley said.

Two seats remain unfilled on the city's seven-member Planning Commission with the departure of former Commissioner Horning and Robert Perkel. Two candidates, David Posalski and Teri Carpenter, submitted applications. Both were nominated for consideration.

"Serving on a commission or committee in Seaside is a wonderful opportunity," City Manager Mark Winstanley said. "Everybody has an interest in something and we virtually have a committee for you, no matter what you're interested in."

Other openings include vacancies on the Civic and Convention Center Commission, the Community Center and Senior Commission, and the Transportation Advisory Committee. Former Councilor Don Johnson

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Utti nominated for McDonald's All-American game

By Gary Henley
Seaside Signal

As the Seaside girls basketball team stands at a most respectable 7-2 record, standout, Maddi Utti, received one more honor. Seaside senior basketball player Utti may have been listed under the wrong state, but she is included on the list of players nominated for the McDonald's All-American game.

The list includes the top basketball senior talent from each state. Utti's name appears under the best players in California.

Ironically, that's where Utti will head after graduating, having already signed a letter-of-intent to play at Fresno State next year.

Utti is one of the team leaders for a squad that stands at 7-2 — third behind Banks and Valley Catholic

— in the 4A-1 Cowapa League.

On Friday, Jan. 13, Utti scored 16 points and had eight rebounds with seven steals, as the No. 11-ranked Gulls improved to 7-2 overall.

Seaside jumped out to its usual big lead against the Cubs, and scored just enough points in the fourth quarter to hold off Newport for a 37-31 win, in a nonleague girls basketball game played at Broadway Middle School.

The Lady Gulls made three free throws in the final period ... and that was it, as Newport did not score a single point over the final four minutes.

Utti capped an early 9-0 run for the Gulls, that gave Seaside a comfortable 19-6 lead early in the second quarter.

The Cubs fought their way back into the game behind 3-pointers

from Tehya Woodruff, Halle Hargett and Madison Hargett in the second half, with the final trey coming at the 4:00 mark of the fourth quarter, bringing Newport to within 34-31. Utti made 1-of-2 free throws and Jetta Ideue hit 2-for-4 over the final 2:43 to clinch the win for Seaside.

"It was a tough, often ugly slog in the old Broadway gym," said Seaside coach Mike Hawes. "The turnovers were reminiscent of middle school games — 27, and a cool 29 percent field goal percentage ensured a close, choppy game throughout."

"We just could not get any rhythm, either in hanging onto the ball or making a shot," he added.

Sydney Villegas had eight rebounds and eight rebounds for Seaside, and the Gulls finished with 18 steals.



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Maddi Utti shoots from outside against Yamhill.