



Officers salute the memorial wall in Salem. Jason Goodding's name was added to the Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Memorial for the May 2 ceremony.

A FINAL FAREWELL

Seaside officers, police staff to honor fallen colleague

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

Seaside will have a presence in Salem next week. Sgt. Jason Goodding of the Seaside Police Department will be honored during this year's Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial Ceremony.

Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham said Monday the ceremony holds meaning for members of the force and family. "Every time you turn the corner, there's someone bringing it back up — in a good way," he said. "I don't think that will ever end. (But) to a certain degree I believe there's going to be a bit of closure."

Goodding, 39, was on patrol with the Seaside Police Department when he was shot and killed on Friday, Feb. 5, 2016, at 9:20 p.m. in the 300 block of Broadway while taking 55-year-old Phillip

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An officer stands to the side as Jason Goodding's name is engraved on the Oregon Fallen Law Enforcement Memorial.

Council considers apartment complex

By R.J. Marx
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Neighbors of a proposed 40-unit apartment complex asked the Seaside City Council Monday night to reconsider the Planning Commission's approval of the workforce housing plan, citing traffic, sewer and public safety concerns.

Seaside faces a critical need for affordable housing.

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Students step up for Laundry Love

High-schoolers volunteer for local program

By Katherine Lacaze
For Seaside Signal

What can a handful of coins, some laundry detergent and friendly service do for a person? Two Seaside High School students have spent months learning the answer to this question by volunteering for the local Laundry Love program.

"It's a small way to make a big difference," senior Marysol Alcantar said.

Alcantar and fellow senior Channene Prendergast are doing their Pacifica Projects with Laundry Love, a nationwide charity that has been administered at the local level by nonprofit At the Water's Gate for about four years. It is held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. the second Saturday of each month at The Laundromat off U.S. Highway 101.

The students' involvement began in October 2016, when they helped sort clothes and set up for the annual Winter Clothing Giveaway at the November Laundry Love. Since then, Alcantar has attended and assisted with each Laundry Love event, an ongoing experience that has made an impact on her.

"To me, this was new," she said. "I had never really volunteered in any way, and I like it a lot. I feel like I'll probably keep going still, even after we graduate."

Her desire to continue helping with the program is fueled by the response of the people who are served, about 20 to 25 per month. Many of them are regulars who come each time.

"They're just as excited to get



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Seniors Marysol Alcantar and Channene Prendergast.

their clothes cleaned as they were the month before," she said. "It's nice to see how they react toward the help they get."

In addition to providing funds for each individual or family to do two loads of laundry, the program also offers free hygienic products — including socks, soap, deodorant and toothpaste — and coffee and snacks or a small meal. As many of the people who attend the Laundry Love events are homeless or underprivileged, and don't have the opportunity to readily purchase those items, "we definitely want to look out for them," Prendergast said. The program is funded by donations to At the Water's Gate from the local community, as well as donors across Oregon and Washington.

Prendergast, who usually works on weekends, mostly is aiding the program from behind the scenes. She assists Shirley Yates —

who runs At the Water's Gate with her husband, Carl — at the office. Some of her responsibilities include organizing supplies, updating records, shopping for hygienic items, contacting news outlets, advertising the monthly events and other administrative work.

Diving in deeper

As with any Pacifica Project — a requirement for graduation at Seaside High School — the students must tie in their volunteer work to the topics of their senior papers.

Alcantar's senior paper is focused on school bullying. At first, she said, she wasn't sure how the two would relate, but while gathering information, she learned how students can be bullied for their clothing or appearance. This connection was made more

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Revenues up, district unveils \$20.6M budget

K-12 building plan is poised to launch

By R.J. Marx
Seaside Signal

The Seaside School District finds itself on solid ground as it launches a new \$99.7 million K-12 building project.

Members of the Seaside School District budget committee, along with the school's board of directors and administrator reviewed the 2017-18 proposed \$20.6 million operating budget before Tuesday night's regular board meeting.

"I do feel good about it," Roley said about the proposed budget. "We have had a few years in the past decade where we've had to hold steady or even reduce."

The district's financial summary included breakdowns for general fund, debt service, special revenue and capital projects.

Proposed general fund revenues are 9½ percent higher than the adopted 2016-17 budget.

"An improving Oregon economy, timber revenue and excellent management will allow us to move forward without reductions in staffing or programs and with some modest additions," Superintendent Sheila Roley wrote in a budget message presented by Business Manager Justine Hill.

The district plans to hire an elementary school guidance counselor and a new high school science and math teacher, among other personnel additions.

The budget addresses rising student technology costs, with districtwide licenses for math and science software.

An additional \$112 million capital budget for construction of the new K-12 campus — including \$4 million from the state — was also presented for review.

The district anticipates paying out \$22.5 million next year toward the project, endorsed by voters in November, Hill said.

This includes costs for architects, project

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