



An 1888 stagecoach at the Northwest Carriage Museum.

Northwest Carriage Museum

Carriages: Museum also contains a variety of artifacts and relics

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Another horse-drawn vehicle in the museum's collection is a Kimball town coach.

"You don't always know the personal history of carriages," Bowman said. "This is an exception to that."

It is one of three coaches owned in the 1800s by Frederick Denkmann, who ran a

grocery store in a small town in Illinois.

One day, the lumber mill in town went up for sale. Denkmann had a desire it but was unfortunately low on cash. His wife encouraged him to ask for an investment from her brother, a man by the name of Friedrich Weyerhäuser, or Weyerhaeuser.

Within a year, that one lumber mill became three

mills, and the two men had established the Weyerhaeuser-Denkman Lumber Company in Mississippi Valley before Weyerhäuser broke off and moved to the Pacific Northwest.

"He did pretty well for himself," Bowman said.

In addition to the dozen of historic horse-drawn vehicles that are on display, the museum's collection also

contains a variety of artifacts and antiquities, including a Stroock blanket, coach horn, amethyst glass and period clothing. There are also 1890s-style schoolhouse and a period wheelwright and blacksmith shop on site. The museum regularly host clubs and school groups. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day, except for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

CMH: 'We want to be a part of the community'

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The facility offers a pod design, each with a room for minor procedures.

Treatment is based on the Planetree model, CEO Erik Thorsen said.

"We want to put your interests ahead of our interests, and we want you to come to a facility that has this warm, inviting spirit inside of it, to make it as stress-free as possible during a time when you are stressed," he said.

Lab, pharmacy, radiology and ultrasound services are available.

"We anticipate this first year will really be a ramping-up year for us, and you'll see people get added throughout the year down here," Thorsen said. "Hope-



X-ray equipment at the CMH urgent care clinic.

R.J. Marx

fully by the end of 2020 we have a very full complement of providers and services for the South County."

Thorsen thanked staff for "all the work you've done to get this place running."

In a nod to the chamber of

commerce, "I really appreciate the support and the welcome," he said. "We want to be a part of the community."

Firehouse: Ballot title must be filed by Aug. 14

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More than half of survey respondents showed support for a new firehouse site at 1376 N. Marion, known as the "High Point" site.

City officials continue negotiations with the Murphy family, which owns the High Point site on North Marion, and the Palisades Homeowners Association, which controls a right of way to the property.

According to the city's

firehouse committee, the estimated cost of High Point Station in 2019 was \$6 million to \$9 million, including construction and property acquisition costs.

The city is finalizing building costs and "looking at different bond scenarios," Brown said. "We will

continue to progress and keep you posted on the next steps when we have relevant updates and are able to comment on negotiations, and things of those nature."

The ballot title must be filed by Aug. 14 to be presented at the general election.

City Administrator Chad Sweet said Gearhart will receive \$25,000 from the state's Department of Land Conservation and Development for design of the fire station's foundation systems. "We'll be able to use that when appropriate," Sweet said.

COVID-19: 'We're as ready as we can be'

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Convention Center staff are taking precautionary measures by sanitizing all surfaces, including handrails, restrooms, countertops. "We've put hand sanitizers in our public spaces, as well as signage in our restrooms, just as a reminder to practice washing your hands and making sure you're greeting others in a responsible manner — elbow bump or fist bump."

Handshakes are discouraged.

Without a city health department, officials continue to rely on the county for guidance, City Manager Mark Winstanley said. "We've looked to the county to provide us with guidance on those issues. That allows us to have the same message. We have five cities in the county, and we want to make sure the message is consistent among all the cities."

Seaside Fire Chief Joey Daniels, who also serves as the county fire chief, said the department has decontamination kits and maintains communication with the care facility at Providence Seaside Hospital.

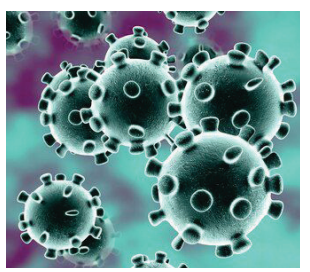
"We're following the Oregon health department, the county health agencies, and we're monitoring the state fire marshal's office," Daniels said. "We're as ready as we can be."

Consistency is key, he said. "We don't want our fire department to do one thing and our police department doing one thing. We're trying to get out one message from the city."

Advice continues to stress hand-washing, staying home if sick and covering coughs and sneezes, he said.

Police Chief Dave Ham said Seaside's spring break period is expected to be similar as in years past, with officers scheduled for overtime shifts as needed.

"We're not getting information we're going to see



City of Gearhart

anything different than we have in the past," Ham said. "If the weather pattern holds we might be busy."

Gearhart monitors situation

Gearhart Fire Chief Bill Eddy and Captain Josh Como participated in a webinar call with the Oregon Health Authority about COVID-19, City Administrator Chad Sweet said Thursday, March 5.

The Gearhart Volunteer Fire Department has the essential equipment necessary to respond to calls that involve flu-like symptoms, Sweet said. "We've posted procedures at the station and held briefings for the first responders."

Eddy participated in an Oregon Health Authority survey, asking preparedness questions and inquiring about equipment needs the departments may have.

Since then, they've been in contact with the Clatsop Fire Defense Board and the Oregon State Fire Marshal's office exchanging information and procedures, he said.

Mayor Matt Brown opened the March City Council meeting with an update and ways to try to prevent the illness from spreading.

"I have been in touch with the other local mayors in the area and we are monitoring the situation and keeping each other informed," Brown said.

"The county public health staff is actively working with Centers for Disease Control, Oregon Health Authority and other local stakeholders and hospitals to prepare for a possible outbreak in our area."

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