



GEARHART

Firehouse bond vote ahead

By R.J. MARX
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The Gearhart City Council voted to put a \$14.5 million fire and police station bond on the ballot for May 17. The vote will come after a similar measure was postponed by a ballot challenge last September.

Resolution 967, if approved by voters, would build on 2 acres off Highlands Lane along U.S. Highway 101. At an elevation of 65 feet, consultants say the site would not be inundated in most tsunami scenarios. The building would include storage, a day room, kitchen, restrooms, showers and an office for the police department.

"We took a look at functions such as training, kitchen, office space, and that sort of thing," City Administrator Chad Sweet said at last Wednesday's council meeting. "We considered them individually as far as what our needs are. From there we wanted to make sure that we had something we could operate now and into the future."

If approved by voters, the estimated tax rate increase will be approximately \$121 per year for each \$100,000 of assessed value of property to be paid over a maximum 20 years. On a home

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Jesse steps down from City Council

Tomlinson takes seat for Position 4

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Dan Jesse stepped down from the Position 4 seat on Gearhart's City Council.

"I received a phone call from Dan Jesse on Jan. 12," Mayor Paulina Cockrum said. "Over the phone we discussed his resignation from the City Council. He successfully sold his home and is moving out of the area."

Jesse is president of Daniel Jesse Construction Inc. and trained as a commercial photographer. He served on the Planning Commission before being elected to the council in 2016.

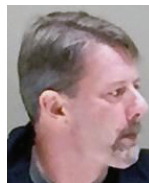
The council selected Austin Tomlinson, a planning commissioner, to fill the term.

"Austin's been on the Planning Commission, was an active member of the parks master plan development, and I thought he did a great job," Cockrum said.

A Seaside High School graduate, Tomlinson earned a bachelor's degree in wildland resources with emphasis in soils and watershed management from Humboldt State University. He served on the Planning Commission for four years. Tomlinson is employed by Columbia Land Trust as a natural area manager, overseeing and managing the land trust's lands within the coast and estuary region for both Oregon and Washington.

"Much of my time is focused on

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Jesse

'CATS, KOALAS AND KANGAROOS'

Cat show returns to Seaside



Above, Judge Marilee Griswold puts a contestant through its paces Below left, Deana Zittel of Seattle holds "Miss Fortune," a Cornish rex. Below right is Abyssinian cat named "Wild Wapta" with Sheryl Landstrom of North Bend, Washington.

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By 1 p.m. Saturday, more than 200 people had come through the Seaside Civic and Convention Center.

The draw was the Cat Fanciers' Association Cat Show, an awards show featuring 130 exotic and not-so-exotic felines, including the "household pet class."

Sheryl Landstrom of North Bend, Washington, presented Wild Wapta, a rare Abyssinian ruddy. The rust-colored four-month-old kitten scored in her first show, winning second place out of all the Abyssinians. Landstrom said. He was "extremely playful," and was learning to pose for judges, who present final awards for the top cats in the kitten, championship, premiership and household pet classes.

Along with the show, Landstrom enjoyed the opportunity to get out of the house and take a trip down the coast. "I love Seaside," she said.

Cat Fancier Stephen Heidt, who checked in visitors at the entrance, said the last show was in early 2020. Last year's show was canceled due to the pandemic.

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'Trantler' seeks a new home after sale

Sculpture removed from Sweet Shop patio for repairs

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In June 2020, Gearhart welcomed its first piece of public art, "Trantler," by Keri Rosebraugh.

The 12-foot-high blended form of an elk antler and tree was positioned and installed in the garden area of the Sweet Shop. The sculpture was removed for scheduled repairs. The new owners of the Sweet Shop, Andre Allen Anjos and Ireland Baldwin, hope that it will remain in

Gearhart.

"We've been working with OCVA (Oregon Coast Visitors Association) and the artist to move Trantler to a public location within Gearhart," Anjos said Tuesday.

Two years ago, owner Traci Williams and Gearhart artist Harold Gable teamed to approach Rosebraugh with the idea of bringing public art to Williams' patio space. They applied for and won funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust, Travel Oregon and Travel Portland to promote public art.

The name "Trantler" came from a tree and an antler put

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Kathleen Piner Zimmerman

Trantler is removed from the former Sweet Shop. Its next destination is yet to be decided.

Sgt. Jason Goodding is remembered in Seaside

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In February 2016, Jason Goodding, 39, was patrolling in downtown Seaside on the night of Feb. 5, 2016, when he was slain while attempting to serve a warrant on a known felon.

Every year on Feb. 5 since, the Seaside Police Department has kept Goodding's memory alive. The annual vigil brings members of the community together for reflection at the police station, this year held both virtually and in-person.

Many knew Goodding in different ways, Seaside Lt. Guy Knight said Saturday, at the sixth annual memorial of Goodding's death. Some know him as "Jason from Sherwood," Knight said. He was known as "Coach

Goodding" by many kids for his involvement in youth sports. For the officers he led and mentored throughout his career, he was Sgt. Goodding.

"My predecessor lieutenant made his mission every year to find something new to focus on to make our lives better and the lives of our community better," Knight said. "And that one thing was our goal for the whole year. So every year, he tried to find something new and try to build on what we already started."

Knight stressed Goodding's communications skills, enabling the Seaside Police Department and neighboring agencies to improve relationships.

"I remember a time in Seaside Police Department's history where relationships with other agencies were lacking," Knight said. "Like when you call someone an acquaintance instead of a friend. Today, I believe the Seaside police department can call the agencies and our commu-



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Lt. Guy Knight leads a memorial for Jason Goodding.

nities and they would call us 'friends.'"

Goodding was instrumental

in building those relationships, Knight said. "How could you not just light up when he saw that big smile? His personality made you want to be around him. The genuine care he had when talking with you, listening to your stories and asking about how you and your family were doing."

The memorial came a week after the shooting death of Vancouver police officer Donald Sohota, the first line-of-duty death for the Vancouver Police Department since its inception.

"Hold his family in your thoughts as they navigate his loss last weekend," Knight said.

Bruce Holt, a Seaside police lieutenant who retired in 2020 from the department after 37 years, asked for a moment to pause, reflect and remember the difference that responders can make one call at a time.

"It's not our ambition to become heroes," Holt said. "But it's a job and we want to make a difference."



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