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Aftermath of a fire at G Street and U.S. Highway 101 early Sunday morning.

G Street fire damages shop, storefront

Seaside Signal

A shop and storefront along U.S. Highway 101 and G Street in Gearhart caught fire early Sunday morning.

Gearhart Fire responded to a report of a brush fire close to two buildings before

4:30 a.m. No one was hurt and the building was unoccupied, Chief Josh Como said.

The new owners of the property at 2970 U.S. Highway 101 had been cleaning out the lower shop piling and sorting items, Como said. During the night, the pile

caught fire.

Because of the close proximity of the structures and the pile that caught fire, it set the lower shop on fire as well as the storefront alongside the highway. Firefighters were able to stop the fire in the storefront structure and save 90% of that structure and its

contents, Como said.

The cause is undetermined. Gearhart, Seaside, Warrenton and Lewis and Clark fire departments, as well as the county fire chief were represented on scene. Cannon Beach, Hamlet and Nehalem Bay provided additional coverage.



Ed Owens

Students with Clatsop County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Thomas Phillips and K-9 'Tux.'

Students graduate from law enforcement career camp

Seaside Legion, Chief Ham participate in program

Seaside Signal

Students from around the state came to Camp Rilea for the Oregon American Legion Law Enforcement Career Camp on July 25 and throughout the week. Students from all across Oregon participated as 11 students graduated July 29, with keynote speaker Seaside Police Chief Dave Ham.

The class was the first since the pandemic and the first

time it has been held at Camp Rilea, Ed Owens, chairman of the American Legion Law Enforcement Career Camp, said.

"We are very excited to partner with Camp Rilea, the Oregon State Police, the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office, the American Legion Post 99 out of Seaside and numerous other agencies from across the state of Oregon to make this law enforcement youth career camp happen," Owens said.

Lt. Jason Lindland, of Ore-

gon State Police in Salem, was the key to the camp being held in this location, coordinating with local and statewide agencies to bring in instructors, set up demonstrations and facilitate the LECC curriculum this year, Owens said.

In his career with Oregon State Police, Lindland has worked closely with local agencies in this area on numerous cases, training and supporting local law enforcement agencies in the community.

OBITUARY

Ruth Koch

Seaside
Jan. 12, 1928 — July 23, 2022

Ruth passed away very peacefully on July 23.

Ruth was born on Jan. 12, 1928, to Charles and Isabelle (Johnson) Gahagan in Grand Forks, North Dakota. She was the youngest of three; her sister, Margaret (Marge), and brother, Harold Gahagan, preceded her in death.

She was a graduate of Central High School in Grand Forks.

She married Marcus L. Woodworth and resided in Renton, Washington, until moving to Seaside in 1960. She worked at the Holladay Drug Store for 13 years.

In 1974, she married Eugene C. Koch Jr., who passed away in 2017. She resided in her home for over 60 years.

Ruth was a beloved member of our community, as she was involved with many organizations, includ-



Ruth Koch

ing Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, Meals on Wheels, Partners for Seniors, the American Legion and Elks. Also, during the 1970s, she was a active part of the Miss Oregon Pageant as a

hostess.

But she is best known for her love of bowling, as she bowled on three different leagues a week, plus would travel across the state and country participating in tournaments. She is also a lifetime member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church.

Ruth is survived by her three children, Charlotte (Dave) Link, of The Dalles, Mark (Liz) Woodworth, of Golden, Colorado, and Connie Clementz, of Seaside; three grandchildren, Nikole Davis, of Oregon City, Elizabeth (Libby) Jones (Nathan), of Littleton, Colorado, and Sean Woodworth, of Westminster, Colorado; and three great-grandsons, Harrison, Silas and Oaks Jones of Littleton, who called her GGMA.

A memorial service will be at a later date. Uff da!

County voters to decide on temporary psilocybin ban

The Astorian

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners on July 27 advanced an ordinance that would put a proposed two-year ban on psilocybin businesses on the November ballot.

Oregon voters approved Measure 109 in November 2020. The measure — the first of its kind in the country — allows psilocybin to be manufactured and delivered to a state-licensed service center, where the drug can be dispensed to people 21 and older. The measure passed in Clatsop County 55% to 45%.

Studies indicate that psilocybin, a psychedelic

found in so-called "magic mushrooms," can help treat depression, anxiety, trauma and other conditions. The drug remains a Schedule I controlled substance under federal law.

Oregon Health Authority regulations on how the drug can be manufactured, transported and administered are due to arrive in late December. The health authority will start accepting licensing applications in early January.

The moratorium, which applies to the county's unincorporated areas, is intended to give county staff time to craft their own restrictions about the time, place and manner that go further than state regulations.

Former real estate association officer indicted on theft charges

Morrow served as executive officer

By ERICK BENDEL
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August 2019 and December 2020.

The indictment does not specify the total amount of money in question, but the state alleges the loss was more than \$50,000.

Morrow could not immediately be reached for comment.

Morrow has served as the board chairwoman of the Warrenton-Hammond School District and has been involved in several other boards on the North Coast over the years.

"It sounds like (law enforcement) did a good job in digging into this," Lynn Brigham, the president of the realty association, said. "We support them, and we're going to continue to do what we can to support our members and keep the integrity and professionalism of the group together."

District Attorney Ron Brown declined to comment.

A former executive officer of the Clatsop Association of Realtors has been indicted for identity theft, forgery and aggravated theft.

Deborah Lee Morrow, 61, allegedly used the identification of the realty association and one of its leaders more than a dozen times, according to the grand jury indictment.

She also allegedly forged checks more than a dozen times.

In addition, she allegedly stole money and other unauthorized expenses that belonged to the realty association, the indictment said.

The crimes are alleged to have occurred between

MEMORIAL

Michael Dennis Packer

Saturday, Aug. 6

PACKER, Michael Dennis — Celebration of life from 1 to 4 p.m., Columbia Portage Grill, Shilo Inns The Dalles, 3223 Bret Clodfelter Way in The Dalles.

DEATH NOTICE

Ruth Marie Koch

July 23, 2022

KOCH, Ruth Marie, 94, of Seaside, died in Warrenton. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

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