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DOG DAY

Donna DuBois, of Portland, leads her Chihuahua Sprite, 3, through the obstacle course.

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Gearhart considers regulating rentals

City to send out poll to residents

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

GEARHART — A City Council workshop on short-term rentals turned into a discussion of what quality of life Gearhart residents are seeking.

“It’s not the Gearhart we’ve known,” Mayor Dianne Widdop said, describing visitors who “don’t participate in the neighborhood” and are here “more for the partying.” “People really care about their neighborhoods,” she said. “It’s important to us.”

The council has heard from divided residents, some aggravated by a proliferation of short-term rentals in the community and others who profit from the business.

“We’ve received over 30 letters from each side, for and against,” City Manager Chad Sweet said.

City Councilor Dan Jesse worked on the issue in Seaside and discussed it as a member of Gearhart’s Planning Commission. “It’s very apparent to me that this is a very heated subject for many people on both sides,” he said.

A \$2.5 million business

More than 10,000 people come through Gearhart through rentals, Sweet said.

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18th annual dog show brings out the pups

By DANI PALMER
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CANNON BEACH — The potential for rain didn’t keep canines and their owners from the beach for the 18th annual dog show on Saturday.

Some 70 dogs and 200 people stopped by the Surfsand Resort in Cannon Beach for the competition, Surfsand Assistant General Manager James Evrard said. The event included over 20 categories with prizes, a raffle and a hot dog roast.

The Clatsop County Animal Shelter also featured dogs for adoption. Proceeds benefit Clatsop Animal Assistance.

Animal Control and Shelter Supervisor Stephen Hildreth said the event provides great exposure for animals in need.



Annie, a 3-year-old Labrador mix, goes for the frisbee owner Naomi Langdon tossed.

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Claudio Bertelli, of Chicago, cheers on his dog George, 10, during the Doggie Dash.

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Senator wants citizen watchdog committee

Johnson believes citizens can hold agencies accountable

By HILLARY BORRUD
Capital Bureau

State Sen. Betsy Johnson plans to introduce a bill next year to create a citizen watchdog committee to hold state agencies accountable for meeting spending and policy goals.

Johnson, D-Scappoose, said she has been frustrated by state officials whom she accused of misleading lawmakers about how agencies spend money and the progress of major projects, such as the state’s failed Cover Oregon insurance exchange.

“When I watched some of the staff from Cover Oregon come in and just flat fib to the Legislature, I think that’s where an accountability committee could dig in, and I think there ought to be consequences for that,” Johnson said.

Some lawmakers felt misled after Cover Oregon officials testified

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Eclectic Uniontown watering hole turns 25

Owner celebrates nearly five years on the wagon

Mary Bridget Haunani Todd lives in a big box under the Astoria Bridge — a box with her own full-service bar on the bottom floor and a beer garden in the backyard.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Mary Todd’s Workers Bar & Grill, a historic Uniontown watering hole famous for campfires, outdoor barbecues, summer parties, hand-patted ground chuck burgers and yuccas (double vodka with fresh-squeezed



lemon juice and simple syrup shaken together in a mason jar).

Oh, yeah — and for a little slice of Sunday-night diversion called “Meat Bingo,” where patrons can win enough packaged meat to make a hearty home-cooked meal.

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Mary Todd is proud of her Uniontown haunt.

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